

# ANDOVER TOWNSMAN

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## TAX INCREASE EYED FOR SCHOOLS

### School officials say budget difference is teachers, books

By Adam Groff

What will the school department do if the final budget passed at Town Meeting is the one the town manager recommends – the one that is \$1.1 million lower than the School Committee budget?

"Well, the first swipe would be to eliminate the 18 new positions," said Superintendent Claudia Bach on Monday, referring to the equivalent of more than 18 full-time staff positions requested in the schools budget. In fact, the staffing request accounts for more than 30 full- and part-time positions across Andover schools.

Those requests make up approximately \$800,000 of the school department's total budget request.

Bach then modified her statement to say that the administration would have to review the special-education staffing requests, because some of those new positions may be effectively required by law. Special-education staffing requests total more than \$200,000.

"The easiest thing to do is to say, 'The last thing in, the first thing out (of the budget),' " said Business Manager Bernie Tuttle,

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### Override of Proposition 2½ floated

By Adam Groff

Town officials are considering asking residents for a general override of Proposition 2½ at next month's Annual Town Meeting.

Passed in 1983, Proposition 2½ prevents towns in Massachusetts from raising their levy limit by more than 2.5 percent per year (not including growth in the property tax base) without a majority vote of residents in a special election. Although Andover residents have passed debt exclusions of Prop. 2½ to pay for specific projects such as the new schools and safety center, the town has never

approved a general override of the law. A general override permanently increases the base amount that the town may raise in taxes.

The issue was raised in



**'On a day-to-day basis, our schools are having difficulty operating.'**

— Claudia Bach, schools superintendent

earnest before the public for the first time at the selectmen's meeting on Wednesday, March 7. There, Superintendent Claudia Bach presented the School Committee budget to the selectmen and the Finance Committee and sought to justify why she is asking for approximately \$1.1 million more than the town manager recommended for the schools.

"The (Andover school) system is truly, truly stretched in a way that doesn't happen in other districts," Bach told the boards. "On a day-to-day basis, our schools are having

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### BOYFRIEND'S BACK



Photo by Tim Jean

Date to remember — Jeffrey Smidt is Tony Brockhurst and Eileen Parsons is Polly Brown in Merrimack Junior Theatre's *The Boyfriend*. Page 24.

### State insists on upgrade for project More money for sewers

By Rebecca Piro

Without an extra \$650,000 and 3,400 feet of pipe underneath North Main Street, the town can not pursue its massive sewer expansion project.

An upgrade to the Shawsheen interceptor — the sewer line that runs underneath the Stevens Street and North Main Street area near Shawsheen Plaza — is crucial to the \$30-million sewer expansion project, which is already one month behind schedule, says Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

This upgrade was not included in the original sewer expansion plans approved by Town Meeting. But the state is insisting that phase one of the sewer project — the Ballardvale Road section, intended to extend sewer service to 250 new households — must include an expansion of the Shawsheen interceptor.

The state Department of Envi-

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ronmental Protection approved the sewer expansion last year on the condition that Andover would increase the capacity of the interceptor. Last May, this pipe overflowed due to lumber caught inside it. Now DEP wants to make sure that there's no chance for another overflow, says Petkus.

Resident Mary Carbone protested the change in plan Monday night.

"We're changing this project significantly," she said to the Board of Selectmen. "This is not what was voted on at Town Meeting. Should we not go back to Town Meeting?"

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## In search of... a friend

A Connecticut man is looking for someone he calls "an old friend," and he hopes Andover residents can help.

"I'm wondering if anyone can help me locate an old friend who lived in Andover in the mid-'70s," writes Rollo Giannini. "Her name was Bonnie Wald, she had a sister

named Belinda and they lived with their mother whose name I think was Teri. Bonnie graduated Greenwich High School, in Connecticut, in 1971.

"If any one knows where she lives or how I can contact her please write me at: Rollo Giannini, 147 Fillow St., Norwalk, CT 06850."

## The eagle has landed?

Lillian Terrace resident Pamela Dingler believes she may have spotted an eagle near her home on Tuesday.

"This bird plucked a raven out of the air like it was nothing. My golden retriever just froze," she said.

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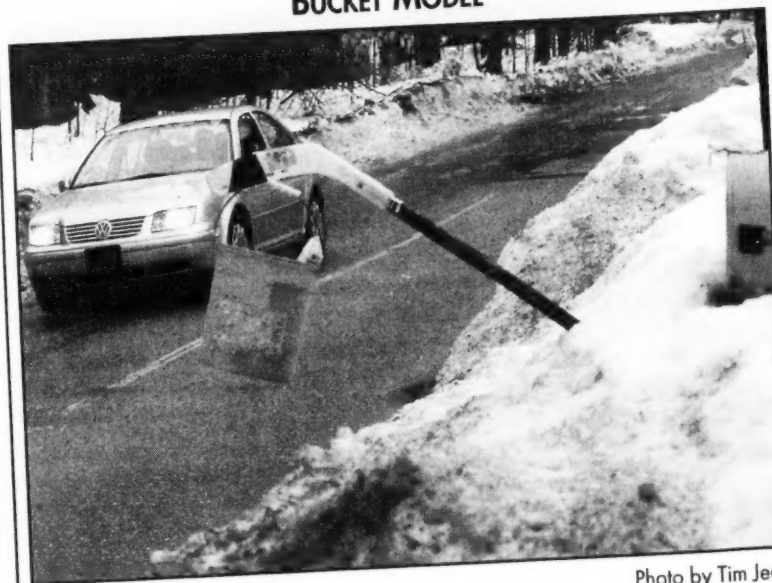


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Mailing it in — After two sizable storms last week, a Highland Road home used good stick work to get its mail delivered.

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## First blush at override idea

Here are some of the comments from members of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and the School Committee on the subject of asking the town for a general override of Proposition 2 1/2 made during the meeting of the three boards on March 7 to discuss the School Committee budget:

"We don't want to have the school opening be dependent on whether we can have an override (in fiscal year 2003). If we need an override to do what we need to do for the community, maybe this is the year to do it."

**Board of Selectmen Chairman Brian Major**

"We have to meet the needs of our children, and those other departments have to meet the needs of the town, and I don't see how you can do it without increasing the revenues coming in."

**School Committee member Dick Collins**

"If we're going to spend at this level

this year, it seems to me that this is the year we should ask people to raise their taxes. We could really wind up in trouble next year if people aren't willing to do it then."

**Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden**

"My assumption was that we'd try for an override next year and tough it out this year. But these are not extraordinary things, these are nuts-and-bolts, gut things the school needs. I know how hard the school department works to put together budgets, and I know how hard (Town Manager) Buzz (Stapczynski) works. If we need more money, let's ask for an override."

**Selectman Mary French**

"I think this is the year we should ask the town, 'Is this where you want to go?' I think this is the year because we have the senior center, we have (money) for fields, we have the safety center. We've been growing, we've had increased

revenue, and budgets haven't had to be, in fairness, as tight as they have been. I think next year might be a harder year to get an override if the economy continues the way it's been. People are telling us we need to live within 2.5, but (if we do,) then everybody in the town is going to have to make adjustments."

**Finance Committee member Margaret Bradshaw**

"It is the voters' choice. I think it's an issue of what the townspeople want, and what do they want to pay for it. Let them choose, but portray it so they can make an intelligent decision."

**Finance Committee member Thomas Fardy**

"We've not ever had an override because we've always tried to live within the budget. But it wasn't intended that you shouldn't ever have an override, (only that) you should have a good reason for one."

**Selectman John Hess**



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Town election March 27

The annual town election will take place on Tuesday, March 27. All precincts will be voting at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The entrance to the polling place is in the back of the field house. Parking will be available for voters in the parking lot behind the field house.

Elected offices on the ballot are for the following: Moderator, one for one year; Selectman, two for three years; School Committee, two for three years; and Housing Authority, one for five years.

Absentee voter applications for the town election must be filed with the town clerk's office no later than noon on Monday, March 26.

A voter shuttle bus will run the senior center to Andover High School.

### Andover candidates debate is today

The Andover Candidates' Debate will be tonight, March 15, in Memorial Hall Library at 7:15 p.m. The debate is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover so that voters can hear and question candidates running for office before Andover's March 27 town elections. It will be televised.

The league's Candidates' Coffee is Saturday, March 17, at the Andover Savings Bank. On Saturday, individuals can talk to office-seekers over coffee and food, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All candidates running for office, contested or uncontested, have been invited to both events.

Three candidates are running for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. They are: Ray Hender, 6 Millstone Circle; John Hess, 145 Chestnut St., and Timothy McCarron, 33 Marland St. Running unopposed are James Doherty for moderator, Richard Collins and Tina Girdwood for School Committee and Ronald C. Hajj for Andover Housing Authority.

### Candidates forum, by Service Club

The Service Club of Andover will be hosting a forum featuring the candidates from the 2001 Andover selectmen's race on Tuesday, March 20. This event will take place at 7:30 a.m. at the Andover Inn.

The Candidates' Forum, which will be moderated by Jerry Silverman, will be an open format, allowing the candidates and the attendees to candidly discuss the issues.

The public is welcome to attend this free event. Those interested in attending should contact Brad Heim at (978) 975-1193 for information, or to RSVP.

### Kindergarten correction

Last week's *Townsmen* listed the wrong date for kindergarten registration at South Elementary School. Registration will be on Tuesday, April 10, from 7 to 8 p.m.

### Web question

Due to problems with the last week's poll, few people were able to respond to the question.

This week's question is:

Recently, town officials floated the idea of asking residents for a general override of Proposition 2½ as a way of accommodating school budget needs. Would you consider voting to approve a general override of Proposition 2½ if one were requested at April's Annual Town Meeting?

Possible answers include:

- I would not even consider it. The town needs to control its spending, and so do the schools.

- I would not consider it this year, but I might consider it next year when we need to open the new schools.

- I would consider it this year to avoid having to have one next year.

- I would consider it, because I value the level of service this town provides and I am willing to pay for it.

To vote, surf over to <www.andover-townsmen.com>.

## Quote, unquote . . .

'Have you prepared the School Committee? Because they're going to get hit with a lot of emotion when we come out on April 4. We're going to be bombarding them with what we think of these options.'

Resident Siobhan Quinlan of High Street to School Committee representative Gerald Gustus at Monday night's Redistricting Task Force meeting. (Story, page 11.)

'I think that there's a feeling that (townspeople) have not been kept informed about the project.'

Tobey Lane resident Odd Ryden, offering one reason for the town's uncertainty regarding the Will Hall senior center project. (Story, page 5.)

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### Thursday, March 15

Preservation Committee, site visit to 36 Prospect Road, 3 p.m.

Main Street Committee, Town Offices, Community Development and Planning conference room, first-floor, 7 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

Government Review Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee, assessor's conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, 160 Main St., Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, March 16

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

### Saturday, March 17

Finance Committee/Selectmen joint meeting, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m.

### Monday, March 19

Sanborn School Council, 3:30 p.m.  
West Elementary School Council, 3:30 p.m.

South School Improvement Council, 4 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 20

Conservation Commission, Town Offices third-floor conference 7:45 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 21

Recycling Committee, Town Offices second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

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## Serious attention for shooting talk

Some students joking around at Doherty Middle School caused a real scare March 8.

According to a letter that Principal Floyd McManus sent to parents and that Superintendent Claudia Bach read at Tuesday's School Committee meeting, a group of students were conversing via computer "instant messaging," and one of the students made a reference to recent school shootings around the country. The remark frightened one or more of the other students, who reported the incident to a teacher. School officials investigated, and they called Andover police, who also investigated. According to McManus's letter, there turned out to be "no real threat to the school community," but he urged parents to talk to their children about the need to report questionable activities to school authorities. McManus also sought to remind students that "a threatening comment meant as a joke can be taken very seriously."

Another incident occurred Friday, March 9, at the Greater Lawrence Technical School when police responded to reports that a student was threatening others. Police found the 15-year-old Lawrence male in possession of a notebook with about six pages containing threats to shoot others, said Detective Sgt. Don Pattullo. That student was later arrested and charged on a warrant for threatening to commit a crime.

— Adam Groff and Rebecca Piro

## Recreation land, at a reduced price?

A little state help could make the Reichhold Chemical property purchase a little less costly.

Residents will decide this April whether the town should purchase the 46.7-acre parcel for up to \$3.6 million. Once used as a resin-production site, the now-clean land would add to the town's open space and provide more room to build playing fields, say some residents.

Andover could qualify for up to \$250,000 in state grants to help pay for the purchase, says Doug Pizzi, public relations representative for the Environmental Affairs office. Up to \$8 million is available this upcoming fiscal year for land-preservation projects statewide.

Last year, state funds were spread throughout 42 communities, with the maximum award at \$250,000, says Pizzi. Director Joel Lerner says that the Division of Conservation Services will consider each community's application this June, based on the project quality and the community's need.

Residents supporting the Reichhold article are aware of the state grant program, and intend to pursue it, along with other grant opportunities, says Conservation Commission Chairman Don Cooper. However, it is unlikely



Photo by Tim Jean

The town may be able to get some state assistance in turning the Reichhold Chemical Co.'s land into a recreation area.

that the town would pay the full \$3.6 million even if it did not secure any grants, he adds.

"We haven't agreed with Reichhold as to a price yet," says Cooper.

The Conservation Commission will also kick in about half the price tag in exchange for about 25 acres of land to be designated conservation property.

The warrant article is written so that town officials have the authority to borrow only as much as they need for the purchase. If residents pass the article — at the maximum cost of \$3.6 million — the town will borrow less than that if possible to purchase the land, Cooper says.

— Rebecca Piro

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## Prior secrecy of information may pose problem Senior-center proponents talking

By Rebecca Piro

The history behind the senior-center effort could be the very thing that prevents it from happening.

Seniors and town officials agree that plans for a new senior center, especially Will Hall, have lacked support in the past due to the unwillingness of its proponents to reveal information to the public.

The current senior-center plan is to turn Phillips Academy dorm Will Hall into a senior center. Will Hall is leased to the town by Phillips through a 30- to 40-year agreement. The private fundraising group Friends of Andover Seniors had promised to privately raise all \$4 million for Will Hall's renovation costs, but less than \$1 million has been raised so far.

Within the past four months, a new steering committee has taken over the project, headed by Chairman Bob Zollner, who promised to be more forthcoming with information.

The committee is working hard to erase the history of withholding information that turned so many people away, but at least one resident says that it may have turned people off for good.

"I think that there's a feeling that (townspeople) have not been kept informed about the project," said Tobey Lane



Photo by Tim Jean

**Will Hall proponents are still hoping to prove their slogan is correct.**

resident Odd Ryden at a meeting between senior representatives and town officials Tuesday afternoon.

He explained his concerns after the meeting. "I'm a senior, and I'm in favor of a senior center," he said. "But I don't like the way that (the group of seniors and officials) are going about it."

Two weeks ago, the group agreed that PA's June 2002 deadline - when seniors must have all the money in hand - is impossible to meet through strictly private funding. Since then, senior representatives and town officials have met for several weeks to find a funding alternative. They currently have two options: asking

Town Meeting for 100-percent public funding of the project, which could be up to \$4.6 million in addition to the \$500,000 the town gave to jumpstart the project in 1999; or asking the town to match \$2.3 million the Friends will raise privately with \$2.3 million public dollars.

Selling either option to Town Meeting could prove very difficult, some seniors and officials agree.

Ryden says he is uncomfortable with the idea of using public money to fund a senior center on private land with a limited lease. He says that the group's effort may be a case of too-little, too-late to win his and others' confidence.

## Sewer construction

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Petkus disagreed, saying that he does not consider the change "significant."

"If this (portion of the project) doesn't go, residents will be spending \$30 million on (sewers) that they can't use," he said.

Because the interceptor work was not included in the original \$30-million estimate, the \$650,000 will have to be found elsewhere in the budget, Petkus says. It's possible those extra funds will be available, as the construction bid for the Ballardvale contract came in \$790,000 less than the engineer's estimate of \$5.5 million. The project will be awarded to Albanese D&S Inc. of Malden at \$4.7 million.

The interceptor construction will involve digging up North Main Street and installing a 24-inch pipe alongside the existing interceptor, almost doubling the capacity there. Before construction starts, the town must seek an easement from the developers of Powder Mill Square, a project located at the intersection of Stevens and North Main streets. The town and Powder Mill developers are working together for that easement agree-

ment, Petkus says. He hopes to begin construction in April.

Providing sewer to the two new schools off High Plain Road - which are scheduled to open in September in 2002 - is the town's next priority, says Petkus. The designs are 95-percent complete, the town is awaiting nine easements, and it hopes to bid the project in late April or May.

"The most important thing is to get the sewer up there to serve the schools," says Petkus. "If it's not there, there's no opening day."

Construction for the Rogers Brook contract should begin after the schools are completed. The design is 90-percent complete, and the construction bids will go out in the early summer, says Petkus. The town recently acquired an easement agreement for the Phillips Academy bird sanctuary ground, though the state has established a turtle habitat in the area. Petkus says he will meet with residents who approach him with additional questions on the project. Several public meetings were held before the town voted to proceed with the expansion at 1999 Town Meeting.

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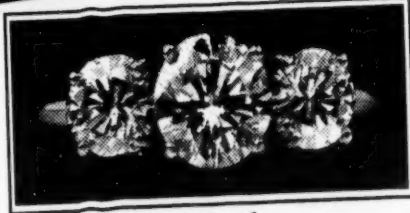
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Fifty tramps were put up at the town farm last year, 35 more than the previous year.

Brown's steam saw mill, which has been in the Farnham district of North Andover for some time, is soon to be removed to the Holt district, Andover, near the Millett greenhouse.

Superintendent Lovejoy reports that 5,309 feet of macadam was put in last year.

The sign "Live Dog" on the roof of a miniature barn-shaped box on the American Express company's team the other day may have had a significance. It would seem to say that one would be safe if a respectful distance was maintained therefrom. Perhaps also it called attention to the fact that being alive, the canine might possibly get ahungry and athirst upon its travels. But why not just "Dog"?

Nathaniel H. Pride Jr., of this place, has written the music for "Dynamiters," to be given by the Hasty Pudding Club of Harvard College. Mr. Pride is considered the most talented musician in the

university.

Congratulations to Charles H. Kibbee on securing his electric light, for which he has labored so courageously and patiently.

### 50 YEARS AGO IN ANDOVER...

Punchard High School's basketball team just closed a most successful season. This is the first time in the history of the school that a basketball team has gone through a season without defeat.

A group of residents of the easterly end of Elm Street appeared at the meeting of the selectmen Monday night regarding a zoning issue. They contend that the district is zoned as residential and should not accommodate the farming facilities located in that area. The question was taken under advisement.

The selectmen Monday night voted to purchase 31 new parking meters to be installed on both sides of Punchard Avenue, from Main to Bartlet streets.

Andover's fire loss for the past year was \$26,752 according to the annual report of Fire Chief C. Edward Buchan. The department

last year answered 68 bell alarms, 240 still alarms, and 577 ambulance calls; 523 of which were answered by the town's two ambulances, while the others were answered by the chief and deputy's car.

### 25 YEARS AGO IN ANDOVER...

Elm Street will once again be truly named. The Andover Garden Club and Tree Superintendent James Bamford initiated a plan this week to replant elms along Main Street. The new trees would replace the many Elms lost to Dutch Elm disease over the years.

Selectmen have turned down an invitation to enter a float in the May 9 Bicentennial Parade. Why, asked Chairman Milton Greenberg, would the town of Andover want a float in its own parade? Various churches, organizations, industries and businesses have also been asked to enter.

Selection of a site for a new Andover postal facility may be made Friday morning at a meeting of regional post officials, the

town selectmen, and the town manager. No indication was given as to what sites the postal department had agreed upon, feeling the town officials should be the first to know.

A site for a new post office was announced in late fall when the postal service signed a purchase and sales agreement with Sidney P. White for property on Andover Street diagonally across from the dairy bar owned by White. The intent of the Postal Service is to close the Main Street facility, moving the post office out of the central business district, and relocate all proceedings at the Andover Street site. This has prompted local boards to offer alternatives in an effort to keep the facility in the main downtown area by suggesting the new facility take residence at the former Purity Supreme on Park Street or Grants in Shawsheen Plaza.

### 10 YEARS AGO IN ANDOVER...

The budget of the Memorial Hall Library will be cut by seven percent next year. To keep up

with salary increases, and the rising cost of heat, light and maintenance, drastic cuts will have to be made. Stated to be cut are one full-time employee and eight part-time workers. In addition the Ballardvale Library Annex will close, and the music collection of compact disks at the main branch will no longer be expanded. Library officials have also announced that the Memorial Hall Library will no longer have Sunday hours. Currently the library is open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays and has been providing Sunday service for the past 18 years.

Charles K. Erban II, president of Andover Financial Advisors, recently received approval from the Internal Revenue Service for his firm to electronically file federal tax returns for people in the Merrimack Valley area. "People can now get the much needed federal tax refund in two weeks instead of waiting much, much longer," Erban said. "What people don't realize is they can file electronically whether the tax return is done by themselves or a tax preparer. If they want their refund to go directly to their bank account they can have it a few days sooner."

Hughes Pharmacy, a downtown institution for 143 years, closed last Thursday. The store's closing comes on the heels of the Jan. 9 death of Alan L. Hughes, who owned and ran the pharmacy with his wife Rosemary. Mrs. Hughes' decision to close follows lease complications and high pharmacist rates. Many residents stopped by the store to wish Mrs. Hughes well and expressed that they will miss the pharmacy almost as much as they will miss its proprietors.

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All Those Years Ago is compiled by Townsman intern Amy McGovern. The above entrees appeared in the paper between March 1 and 15 of the appropriate years.

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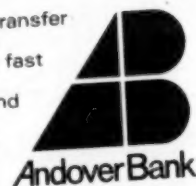
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## Selectman candidates agree All three would support override

By Rebecca Piro

Taxpayers haven't yet voted them into office, but they're already willing to spend the taxpayers' money.

All three selectmen candidates answered yes when asked by the *Townsmen* whether they would support a general override of Proposition 2½.

Talk of a possible override – a permanent increase of the tax levy limit by more than 2.5 percent – has increased as town officials have struggled to balance a proposed fiscal year 2002 budget that meets all the town departments' needs, the schools' needs and funds all the warrant articles to be voted on at Town Meeting.

None of the candidates – two of whom will fill the soon-to-be open slots on the board after the March 27 town election – refused to support an override.

"I would support an override if I thought it were merited," said incumbent Selectman John Hess, who is running for his second full term. "We have to fund our existing services and the needs that have been identified that we have no choice about. Most of those are in the school department."

The schools department budget asks for more than \$42 million – \$1.1 million more than Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski grants in his recommended budget. Special

Education costs are \$800,000 under budget for the current fiscal year as well – both of which prompted open discussion about a Proposition 2½ override between the selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee last week.

Hess said that the need for an override does not come as a surprise to him.

"The reality is that if the town continues to grow, we'll need one eventually. We can't live within 2.5 percent each year," he said. "If not now, we're going to need it soon."

Without an override, Hess sees no alternative but to cut the budget elsewhere, probably within the town's employees.

Candidate Ray Hender also supports the idea of an override, and talk of raising the levy limit does not surprise him.

"I've been expecting it," he said. "There is a lot that needs to be done in this town."

If the town does support an override, Hender wants to see an increase in taxes that will satisfy the town's financial needs for at least a few years without having to return to Town Meeting for additional overrides.

The school department budget tops Hender's list of priorities. "The school budget is out of sync with the increased requirements of students," he said. However, Hender is

unsure whether there is enough time to adequately outline the priorities that an override would serve, as well as educate residents about "all of the facts and the consequences" before Town Meeting in April.

Candidate Tim McCarron, who stated that he would not raise residents' taxes at a debate on March 2 at the Andover Senior Center, said he would support a Proposition 2½ override, on condition that the town specifies what the extra tax dollars would fund.

"I would support an override of Proposition 2½... as long as priorities are set and it is specific," he says.

A school teacher, McCarron says funding the school budget is one of his top priorities.

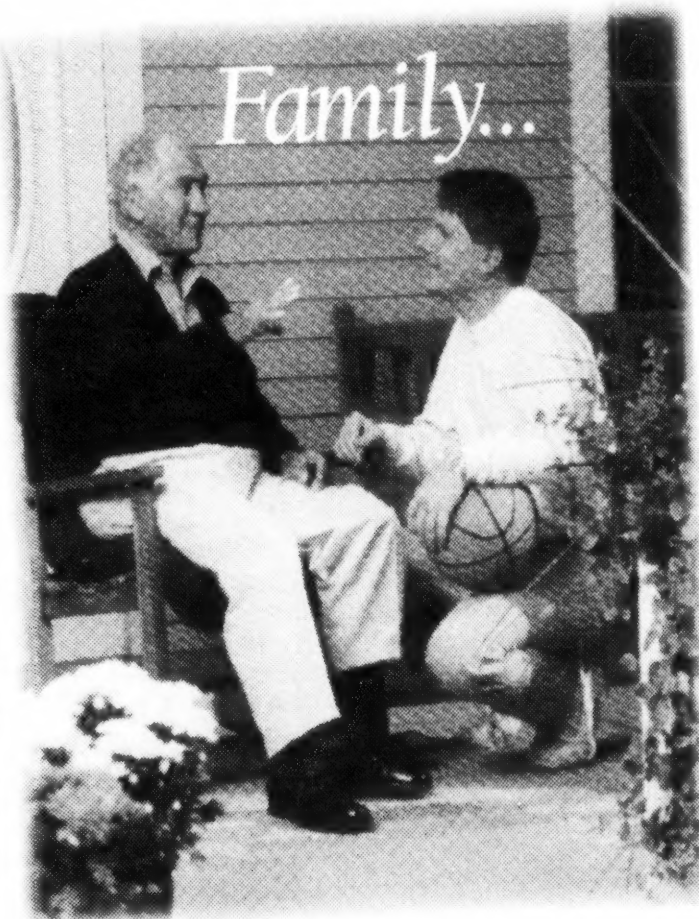
Despite his earlier promise not to raise residents' taxes, McCarron said that supporting an override does not contradict his previous statement. If an override is passed, it will be done so by a majority of residents at Town Meeting; not by the selectmen enforcing a tax rate increase, he said.

"Who is making the decision? Not the Board of Selectmen. It's the people of the town," said McCarron. "That's where I draw the distinction. (Rather than) the board imposing it, the town is saying, 'Yes, we will support this.'"



Selectman candidates Tim McCarron, Ray Hender and John Hess at a recent forum at the senior center.

Photo by Tim Jean



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## Not the time

Requests for general overrides of Proposition 2½ tend to fail. Nearly two-thirds of those proposed in the state since 1983 – 2,132 in all – have been rejected by voters. Andover itself rejected its lone override attempt, for school operating expenses, in 1991. It did so in a landslide, with more than 5,300 of the 8,000 voters deciding to kick the idea aside.

So pulling together an override for operating expenses just a couple of weeks before the Finance Committee report for Town Meeting is due is a horrible idea, from a practical standpoint. Practicality isn't the most significant issue, however. The problem is that voters never should be rushed into voting on such significant changes in approach.

Andover's government, after all, is proud to note that it's one of only 11 towns that have received the highest bond rating from Moody's Investor Service. According to Moody's, Andover has shown a "consistently strong operating performance distinguished by a forward-thinking management method."

Yet somehow that "forward-thinking management method" disappears when it comes to informing residents about tax increases.

Last year, the town asked residents to support a debt exclusion of Proposition 2½ to pay for the safety-center construction. They did this just one year after the town had approved the project without such an override.

Either town officials didn't do their homework and see that an override would be necessary if the town was going to approve two new schools the next year, or they did and chose to keep that information quiet for a year, in order to get both the safety-center and the schools projects approved.

Either way, residents deserved better. In a community with Town Meeting, residents need all the information they can get to make informed decisions about what they want.

This year, it's a similar story. Again, either some officials knew an operating-budget override was a possibility a while ago or there's a significant problem with the town's lauded "forward-thinking management method."

Officials may be able to present an argument for a general override that the majority of residents will support. But the argument must be made for fiscal year 2003, to give residents a chance to review the idea and prioritize town spending.



Photo by Tim Jean

A typical downtown scene, following last week's snow storms.

## Selectman candidates respond to Will Hall question

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover posed a question to the candidates for the Board of Selectmen. The election is March 27.

Here is the question, followed by the candidates' written answers.

Given the unclear future of the proposed senior center:

1. How would you propose to

resolve this issue?

2. How can planning be done differently for future project/proposals to avoid similar dilemmas?

### Raymond E. Hender

I have listened to the ideas and concerns of town residents regarding the senior center project. Nearly everyone agrees the private group is led by well-intentioned citizens who stepped forward to address a recognized public need but, unfortunately, have been unsuccessful in raising the required capital. As someone whose professional experience lies in municipal finance and investment and as a long-time Andover resident (and a soon-to-be senior citizen), I believe I may have some insight on the subject.

I see two solutions. One is for the Friends to regroup, conduct an in-depth professional-level study of the current proposal and return to a

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### John Hess

#### 1. Resolution of Senior Center Construction Project

The senior center project evolved over 10 to 15 years and resulted in Town Meeting approving the use of primarily private dollars. The Williams Hall lease was also approved by Town Meeting and includes specific time limits. The current group doing fundraising is putting in a good effort and we will know by June whether they can be successful. If they are, I expect the Will Hall project to proceed. If they are not, we will regroup and decide the best method to provide the space needed. We will work with the Andover Youth Foundation to see how their fund raising progresses. Some in

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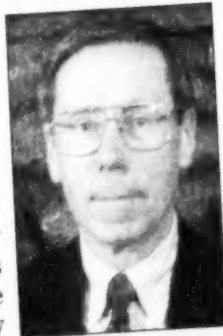
### Tim McCarron

#### Question 1.

Resolving this issue is complex, as the Andover Youth Foundation is also fundraising for a youth center. I would like to see both organizations be successful in their efforts.

I do believe that Will Hall is an appropriate site for a privately financed facility; however I do not support Mr. Bowen's \$2-million warrant article. I have serious concerns with the short-term financial impact this will have on all town budgets. I also do not support a public two million dollar capital expenditure for a facility that will be held by a private institution (Phillips Academy). The expenditure of such a substantial amount of public dollars should produce a publicly owned facility.

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Ray Hender



John Hess



Tim McCarron



# Letters

## Reservations for T?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I have been following the recent discussions concerning the limited parking available at the Ballardvale train station.

It appears to me a partial solution for the residents of Andover would be to reserve a number of spaces for residents only. I believe this approach has been taken in Reading. I recognize this may not be possible, if the property is owned or controlled by the MBTA. If that is the case, spaces should be reserved for residents of Massachusetts. We are the people who subsidize the MBTA and therefore should be afforded some privilege over those who do not. Perhaps Selectmen Chairman Brian Major and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski would consider this type of an approach to the problem.

Jeremiah J. O'Sullivan  
398 South Main St.

## For Board of Selectmen, Hess is 'a perfect match'

Editor, *Townsmen*:

John Hess is running for another term as a selectman in Andover. His record and his contributions to the quality of life in Andover deserve our support and our vote.

These are times we seek "other-centered" representatives who will bring issues to the table and make decisions that are in the interest, not of themselves, but of the common good. John's commitment to the public service and to improving the quality of life in our community is genuine. Those who know him marvel at his dedication to helping others and "making a difference."

John's temperament is a perfect match with the role of selectman. He is a listener, a person who can see another's perspective and who shares a fundamental respect for the power of dialogue. With a wonderful ability to remain cool and reflective in the middle of heated discussions around him, John brings just the rationality we need to ensure that the decisions that are made in our name are fair, just, and in the best interests of our community.

Reelect John on March 27.

Tom Sharkey  
24 West Parish Drive

## Hess is no supporter of Youth Foundation

Editor, *Townsmen*:

In the late 1990s the town and I were engaged in litigation with one another. Our differences were ultimately resolved, seemingly to everyone's satisfaction. I attribute this settlement to the professionalism of Andover's governing officials - the town manager, town coun-

## Plow drivers made a difference for them

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We are writing to acknowledge the work of the snow-plow crew during this winter. We live on a cul-de-sac and, in the past, drivers would sweep through, leaving nine feet of hard-packed snow in front of our mail box and a mound at the end of our driveway just as we had finished digging out.

This year, whether by departmental plan or because of considerate drivers, this didn't happen. The drivers made great effort to scrape snow away to clear mailboxes, and, on more than one occasion, put the plow down at the end of the driveway, backed up and pulled snow out. It surely made our shoveling easier and we greatly appreciate the extra effort of drivers.

John and Janet Duffy  
3 Eagle Way

## Covered walks: The ignored side project

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Given the volume/weight of snow we received, I feel that the town did a good job on the streets. Sidewalks are another story.

The usual sidewalk snow removal along Elm Street and vicinity has yet to occur. I'm sure that other areas are also still in similar situations. This places

sel, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and building inspector all acted in good faith.

My lasting impression will be that Selectman John Hess was the lone town of Andover representative who was uninterested in resolution. I spoke with all other selectmen at length regarding the multiple suits that were pending in Superior Court. They were informed and eager to find answers. However, Mr. Hess showed no inclination to even discuss the matter.

This past fall, Town Meeting voted to give the Andover Youth Foundation an opportunity to build a youth center. Those of us who worked hard for this vote did not count John Hess as a supporter.

Demonstrating good faith and affording opportunity are qualities I seek in selectmen. My experiences with current Board of Selectmen candidates Ray Hender and Tim McCarron have been grounded in good faith. Furthermore, I know Ray and Tim support the dream of the Andover Youth Foundation.

Ray Hender and Tim McCarron have earned my two votes for selectmen.

Jim Arnold  
15 Geneva Road

## The Big Dig Out



Photo by Tim Jean

Some residents, including a letter writer, worry about pedestrians' safety, because many sidewalks are covered with ice and snow.

pedestrians in the streets, which are, of course, already narrower than usual. My main concern, however, is for the safety of students walking to and from school. My two sixth-grade girls usually walk home from Doherty Middle School, but we have had to make special arrangements to find them rides or leave work early to meet them after school due to the dangerous walking conditions. The Superintendent of Schools recommended that we keep them home from school if we are concerned with their safety.

It is unfortunate that Dr. Claudia Bach has been forced into the position

of having to forward that as a remedy to the situation. The DPW, not the Superintendent of Schools, determines the safety priorities for the town. Children walking on busy main streets, like Elm, Chestnut and Whittier, unfortunately seem to be at the bottom of that list. I believe that the town has placed all walkers at great risk, not just my children. I am not seeing any more work on the streets, and feel that it is now time to make Andover safe for all pedestrians, young and old.

Don Stidsen  
11 Wolcott Ave.

## Hender will 'stand up'

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Neither my wife or I are political but when we heard that Ray Hender was running for selectman we both felt that this would be a very positive thing for Andover.

We have known of the Henders for many years as our oldest son and theirs are about the same age. We saw the name of Ray's wife, Diane, on PTO letters, and information we received from Andover. We saw Ray at open houses, selectmen meetings and school committee meetings on TV, and knew that he was on the committee to look into the new schools.

But it was in the last five years that we began to know the Henders a little better. We help run a youth group in town that their son Taylor belongs to. It's always hard to find adults to help out but whenever we have asked Ray for his help the answer has always been "yes." In conversations we have had with him, he is a real down-to-earth person who really cares about the town we live in. Unlike most people who only talk about what they would like to see changed in town, Ray Hender wants to stand up and

make a difference. We respect that and think Ray would make a great addition to Andover's government.

Laura and John Kohr  
15 Boston Road

## McCarron 'ideally suited' for task

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing on behalf of Timothy McCarron, currently a candidate for the Andover Board of Selectmen. All of the current candidates are fine men in their own right and in no way is this letter to be seen as opposing any candidate. Rather, it speaks as a positive message for someone that I have worked with and known for the past 10 years.

Over the years, I have worked with Tim in a number of capacities. I have always found him to be dedicated, extremely able, competent and efficient. He has all the qualities necessary to be an outstanding selectman and will be a genuine asset to our community.

I first became acquainted with Tim when he sought me out to become a volunteer coach during my tenure as head

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# LETTERS

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football and track coach at Andover High School. I was so impressed with his enthusiasm and eagerness to learn that I hired him the following year to become a regular member of my staff. Tim was an outstanding coach as he is widely recognized as an outstanding teacher. He is extremely good with young people, maintains an excellent relationship with them and is a strong motivator and disciplinarian. I can not begin to relate what an outstanding job he did working for me.

During the past two years I worked beside Tim as a member of the Andover School Committee. Tim was extremely dedicated, articulate and forceful in this position. He is genuinely concerned about the youth of Andover and has done a tremendous job in seeking to improve the school system. Tim has a very keen mind, stands up for what he believes to be right and is very cooperative in his dealings with the central administration and his fellow committee members.

Finally, Tim McCarron is a gentleman in every sense of the word. He is not afraid to speak up but is always courteous in his approach and respectful of his colleagues. He is a very caring husband and father and is the type of person we need leading our community. Tim is, indeed, ideally suited in experience, personality and competence to be an outstanding selectman. I urge you to give

him most serious consideration.

Richard J. Collins  
Lovejoy Road

## McCarron's best traits: 'his candor, his honesty'

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I support the candidacy of Tim McCarron as selectman for the town of Andover. I have known Tim for several years and have been impressed with several things about him, all of which would well serve Andover and its Board of Selectmen. Tim cares deeply about youth and education. He is a teacher and has served on the School Committee for the town. He has volunteered as a coach and leader, giving hours of his time. He walks the talk.

The thing I admire most about Tim, however, is his candor, his honesty. He is not a run-of-the-mill local politician. He expresses his sentiments clearly, seldom leaving doubt as to where he stands. At the same time he is a listener and has shown me the capacity to learn and shape new vision and positions. This is the essence of leadership.

These are qualities which make a fine selectman and will bring honesty, color, and new direction to the board. Consider him for support on March 27.

Larry Larsen  
Bryan Lane

(Larsen is a former selectman.)

## Incumbent Hess pursues 'best interests of town'

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing this letter to endorse John Hess for selectman. John has served this town for the past four years with diligence, insightfulness, fairness, and integrity. He has shown the people of Andover that he is someone who will look at all sides of an issue and make informed, thoughtful decisions. He always has the best interests of the town, not his own personal agendas, in mind when making some of the hard choices that come before him.

John is someone who has shown that he can be open-minded and he listens to those who have different opinions from his own. He has been an integral part of the Strategic Planning Task Force which has all of the town's key governing committees working together to establish workable plans and goals. If John Hess is reelected as a selectman, he will strive to help Andover continue on its road to successfully reaching these goals.

I urge all of you to vote for success on Tuesday, March 27;

reelect John Hess for selectman.

Diane Costagliola  
15 Belknap Drive

## Detail man Hender sees 'big picture'

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing to support Ray Hender in his campaign for selectman.

After working with Ray on the School Building Committee for the last two years I am convinced he has the skills and the vision to be a tremendous asset to our town. Ray has the unique ability to be detail-oriented without losing site of the big picture. His financial background will be invaluable in analyzing the potential financial impact of future decisions. Ray works hard to understand all sides of an issue and then, after a decision is made, he works hard to implement the decision of the majority.

Ray is genuinely committed to maintaining Andover as a town we can be proud to live in. I hope residents will vote for Ray Hender for selectman on March 27.

Mark B. Johnson  
27 Greybitch Road

## Votes: chance to support schools

Editor, *Townsmen*:

This year we are seeking reelection for the two School Committee seats in an uncontested race. It has been the goal of the superintendent, administration, and all members of the School Committee to work to provide an exemplary school system, and we guarantee this goal will not change. Our primary objective will always be to do what is best for the young people of Andover. To that end, we urge residents to vote on March 27 as well as at Town Meeting on April 23. These are opportunities to express support for our school system.

Residents' support in the past has been much appreciated by both of us. We encourage them to continue to share their thoughts and ideas about education. And we certainly need their support if we are to accomplish our goals.

Richard J. Collins  
Tina Girdwood

## Developers are taking away town's quiet charm

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Following the advice of last week's editorial, "if possible, use quiet as opportunity," I took advantage of the snow and lack of electricity to consider "the basic lifestyle that was seen on these streets many years ago." Then I began to

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## Letters policy for elections

Following a long-standing policy, the *Townsmen* does not publish letters about candidates in the issue prior to an election. Next week's paper is the last issue before the March 27 election.

The *Townsmen* will publish letters about Town Meeting articles in issues published prior to Town Meeting.

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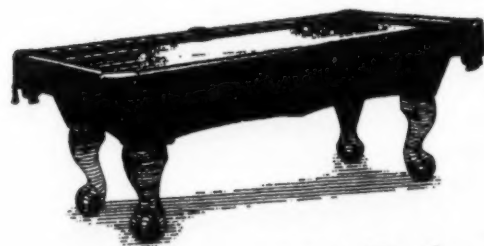
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# Education

## Award-winning workouts at AHS

By Adam Groff

Last Sunday, the Andover High School Physical Education program was recognized for showing students the ropes of physical fitness, sometimes literally.

On Sunday, March 11, at its 71st annual convention in Worcester, the Massachusetts Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MAHPERD) presented its first-

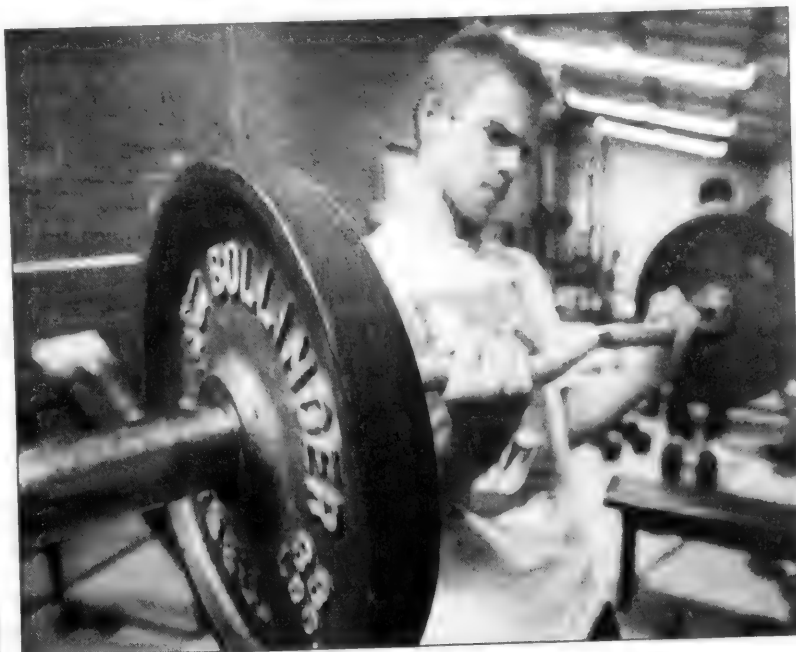
ever award for "Quality Physical Education Program of the Year," and the recipient was Andover High School.

"We really appreciate their recognition and acknowledgement that we have a quality program, and we're honored to receive it," says Andover Physical Education Coordinator Dick Bourdelais. The 33-year Andover schools veteran is proud of how his program

Aaron Chase works out with the free weights at Andover High. ▶

Photos by Tim Jean

has evolved with the times to become not a boring requirement, but the home of electives eagerly sought by students.



Evelyn Cullinane watches over Becki Dennis on the compound row machine (above), and Maria Mouzakis (at left) working out on the curl machine.

## Redistricting Task Force is near the end of its task

By Adam Groff

At its tenth meeting Monday night, the Redistricting Task Force cranked out three more options for shuffling elementary school students when the new elementary and middle schools open in 2002.

At its next meeting on March 28, the task force will review all five elementary options and all four middle school options, possibly eliminating one or more before presenting the final array at a wider public forum on April 4.

"I don't anticipate that that will be a time to propose major changes," said School Committee representative Gerald Gustus of the April hearing, to be held at Doherty Middle School. "I feel like that would be a little disrespectful to the people who

are going to get perfect-attendance badges for showing up at these meetings."

Each task force meeting has been standing-room only as 50 to 60 parents have crowded into the School Committee meeting room to listen to the proceedings and to strive to exert influence on the process. On more than one occasion, impassioned pleas have been rebuffed by an apologetic Gustus reminding the audience that "this is a task force of 10, not of 60."

Asked Monday night what the point of a public hearing is if few or no changes will be made to the options, Gustus said that he expects all five School Committee members to be present at the hearing and to take the public's input into consideration when they

are formally presented with the options on April 10. They will vote on a final middle school and a final elementary school option on May 8.

"Have you prepared the School Committee?" asked regular attendant and vocal critic Siobhan Quinlan of High Street. "Because they're going to get hit with a lot of emotion when we come out on April 4. We're going to be bombarding them with what we think of these options."

"I wouldn't have it any other way," said Gustus.

Gustus said that in the near future all the numbers for all the redistricting options will be available on a redistricting Web page at [www.andoverpublicschools.com/District/Redistricting/redistri.htm](http://www.andoverpublicschools.com/District/Redistricting/redistri.htm).

"Years ago, it was traditional that in the summer you play this team sport, and in the winter you play that team sport, and that's great if you're good at team sports," says Bourdelais. "Today, sport is only a medium through which we address human development. The gym is a lab where kids learn about fitness and wellness."

Bourdelais emphasizes that the physical education program is not a "mini-athletic program."

"Excellence in athletics is not a major goal of the physical education program," he says. Rather, according to Bourdelais, the goal is to address all levels of ability in the student population and make sure every student gains an understanding of the body and how to keep it healthy.

"The body that encases your brain is pretty important," says Bourdelais.

To address as many levels of student interest and ability as possible, the Andover physical education program presents students with something not everyone may remember from the "gym class" of yesteryear: choice. There are currently five physical education courses offered, and

starting next year there will be seven. Two of the courses are required, and students may choose among the other three: "Lifelong Activities" is designed for students who may not have an interest in highly competitive team sports, and so teaches sports such as tennis, archery, badminton, or golf. "Team Sports" features traditional activities like touch football, soccer, volleyball, and basketball, and "Competitive Team Sports" offers the same selection for students who want a high level of competition. None of the courses is segmented by grade level, and all have students from a mix of grades, something else Bourdelais thinks is healthy.

The two required courses are "Project Challenge" and "Personal Fitness and Wellness." "Project Challenge" is Bourdelais' pet project; he initiated the class in 1976 and it's grown impressively since then. According to the course selection guide, "The course is designed to promote self-confidence, group cooperation and problem-solving skills in a mutually supportive environment." The centerpiece of the

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### Full-day kindergarten arrives...

### Shawsheen School gets a pilot program

Parents looking for a full-day kindergarten program can now count Andover's Shawsheen School among their options.

Shawsheen School's kindergarten program will have a "pilot" full-day option during the next school year.

Seats will be reserved by a lottery. The lottery will be held after all schools have completed their regular kindergarten registrations.

Interested applicants should complete a special all-day kindergarten application form and return it to the office of the Assistant Superintendent by Friday, March 30.

Students selected in the lottery for the full-day program will not be notified until July.

For more information, call Shawsheen School at 623-8850.



# Doherty Middle School students achieve second-term honors

The following students at Doherty Middle School have been named to the second-term honor roll:

## Grade 8

**High honors:** Peter Accomando, Caroline Adams, Courtney Aleksa, Nathan Altshuler, Marc Asch, Caitlin Ashley-Rollman, Benjamin Baldwin, Nina Beinart, Thomas Cahill, Joshua Caplan, Caitlin Carpentier, Bryanna Casey, Ann Marie Cashman, Christopher Childs, Caroline Claflin, Afton Cuomo, Lisa D'Ambrosio, Scott Davenport, Bradley Day, Whitney Domigan, Sarah Donelan, Alfred Eng, John Formichella, Elizabeth Fortier, Joseph Geary, Jamie Goddard, Zara Golden, Melissa Goldman, Jeanmarie Gossard, Ryan Greeley, Margaret Hanlon, Diana Harlow, Brayden Hass, Christopher Herlich, Jonathan Hillman, Matthew Hogan, Christopher James, Amanda Kaminski, Meghan Keefe, James Keith, Mary Keohane, James Kim, Margaret Lamond, Victor Lanio, Brianna Levy, Tabitha Liversidge, Kristen MacInnis, Ana-Ligia Maier, Aileen Malloy, Matthew Malloy, Jamie Maltz, Mark Margiotta III, Ewan McNeil, Jonathan Meltz, Adrienne Mendoza, Elizabeth Minton, Sarah Morgan, David Musto, Katie Nadworny, Jill Newman, Tracy O'Malley, Michael O'Reilly, David Ong, Nicole Ortiz, Kayla

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lie Riera, Lauren Rubino, Matthew Saia, James Scully, David Silberstein, Geoffrey Stevens, Colin Sullivan, Kendall Toland, Marc Turiano, Corinne Welsh, Christopher Wojcik.

## Grade 7

**High honors:** Devin Afshin, Jeffrey Bakkensen, Ashley Baldwin, Michael Baldwin, Connor Beatty, Mark Begley, Michael Besser, Sara Boxell, Emily Brenner, Alexandra Caffrey, Gregory Carroll, Eric Champion, Jocelyn Chang, Debbie Cheng, Patricia Collins, Kristin Costagliola, Alana Cuneo, Seth Davidovits, Michael Devine, Mary Fowler, Christina Freccero, Hannah French, Leigh Frens, Mason Fried, Michael Galaburda, Xavier Gath, Kira Gendlerman, Theodora Givens, Laura Goldshein, Emma Haak, Courtney Hamer, Amy Hanes, Kerry Hill, Marie Huntley, Julian Jacobson, Faez Jafarey, Anna Johnson, Seth Johnson, Devin Kelly, Jillian Kenney, Risa Kent, Phillip Kim, Michael Lamagna, Simona Lang, Alyssa Lau, Maria Lechtarova, Michael Li, Richard Licciardi, Danielle Liffmann, Melanie Lin, Sarah Linnemann, Julia Littlefield, Andrew Lundgren, Lauren Marsh, Alexander McCargar, Michael McKenzie, Casey Mitrano, Matthew Moura, Jocelyn Nagy, Adam Neil, Christine Nigh, Michael Norton, Bryan

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## Grade 6

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Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 19-23:

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Chicken shoestrings, chocolate chip pancakes, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hash browns, pears, and milk.

**Tuesday:** Salisbury steak with mashed potato, toasted cheese sandwich, slice of pizza, green beans, peaches, and milk.

**Wednesday:** Roast turkey dinner, mozzarella sticks, hot dog, corn, cranberry sauce, white cake, and milk.

**Thursday:** Two beefy burritos with cheese, french toast sticks with sausage, Chicken McSchool, peas, pears, and milk.

**Friday:** Baked macaroni and cheese, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, salad with dressing, fresh fruit, cookie, and milk.

### Doherty Middle School

**Monday:** Spaghetti and meatballs, Chicken McSchool, nachos with cheese sauce, salad, fruit, and milk.

**Tuesday:** Bagel pizzas, baked chicken nuggets, two toasted cheese sandwich, potato puffs, applesauce, and milk.

**Wednesday:** Salisbury steak with mashed potato, mozzarella sticks, slice of pizza, peas, pineapple, and milk.

**Thursday:** Chicken & gravy over rice, Chicken McSchool, cheeseburger on a roll, potato puffs, fruit, and milk.

**Friday:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets, tuna salad sub, green beans, applesauce, chocolate pudding, and milk.

### Secondary schools

**Monday:** Roast turkey dinner, spaghetti & meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, apples, oranges, veggie, and milk.

**Tuesday:** Barbecue pork sandwich, pasta llio Olio, stuffed crust pizza, fresh fruit, veggie, and milk.

**Wednesday:** Two beefy burritos, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, white cake, fruit, veggie, and milk.

**Thursday:** Barbecue chicken, spaghetti & meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fresh fruit, veggie, and milk.

**Friday:** Baked macaroni and cheese, rotini with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, chocolate pudding, and milk.

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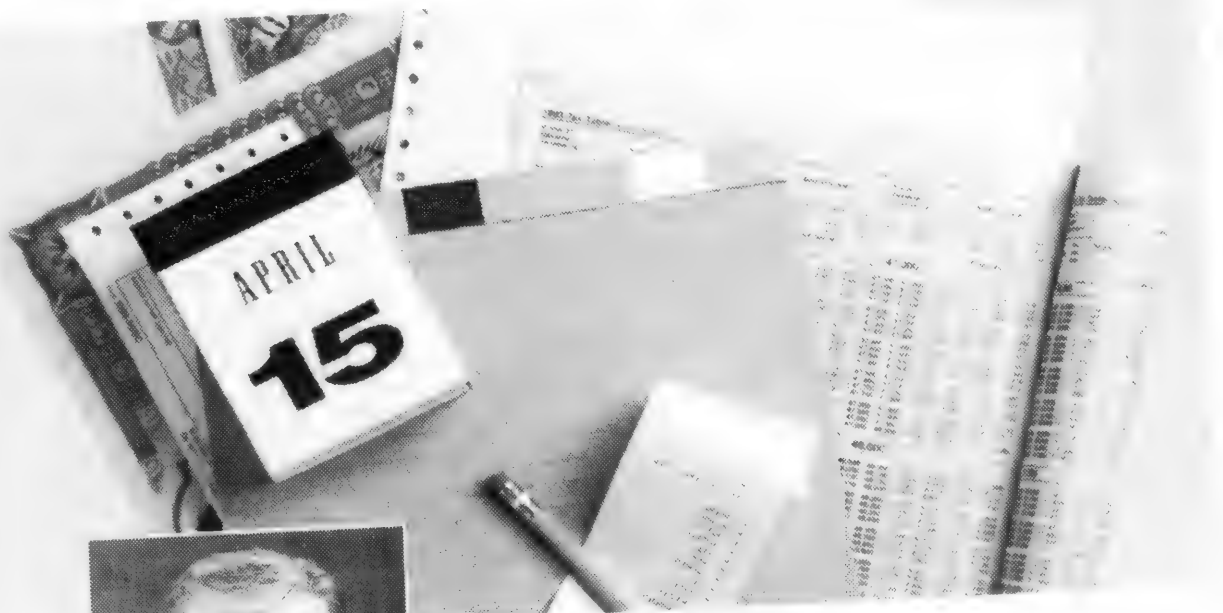
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## SCHOOL TALK

Due to last week's snowstorm, the "Choice, Not Chance" parent meeting originally scheduled for March 5 has

been rescheduled for Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School library. The topic for this meeting is first-time college-planning for families.

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St. Augustine School recently announced its winners in the National Geography Bee and the Eagle Tribune Spelling Bee.

Ryan Yetton of Andover won the Geography Bee. After winning the school bee, Ryan took a written test to try to qualify for the state level of competition. The state winner will travel to Washington to compete for a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Meghan O'Connor of Andover won the Eagle Tribune Spelling Bee and will advance to the regional bee held in March. Both Ryan and Meghan are 6th-graders in Sharon Slavin's class.

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As help observe March as Women's History Month, middle-school girls and their mothers are invited to a Mother Daughter Book Club at Memorial Hall Library. A discussion of *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple* by Karen Cushman will take place Wednesday, March 21 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Library Activity Room.

Busy as bees — St. Augustine students Ryan Yetton and Meghan O'Connor, both of Andover, won the school's Geography Bee and Eagle Tribune Spelling Bee, respectively.



An adaptation of *The Little Mermaid* will be performed by South School students this weekend, March 16 and 17, at 7 p.m. at West Middle School. Members of the cast pictured above are: (kneeling in front row) Jackie Collins, Zach Zatet, Matt Moramarco, Mark Costagliola; (standing in center) Matt Kelley, Kelsey Crowther as Ariel, Fiona McCarthy; (standing in back row) Michelle Laracy, Dan Jurczak, Catherine Desjardins, Chelsea Girard, Katelyn Greeley, Cara Lemire, Derek Monson and Bryan Strock.

Beth Kerrigan, young adult librarian, will moderate the discussion and refreshments will be served.

A limit of eight mother/daughter

teams will be able to register.

For more information or to register, contact Kerrigan at 623-8401, Ext. 36; or <bkerrigan@mhl.org>.

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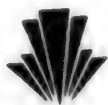
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# Doherty students named to second-term honor roll

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**Honors:** Nicholas Allain, Tyler Bedford, Andrea Boshar, Cassandra Britton, Mark Brogan, Ryan Burke, John Cahill, Jesse Carroll, Brennan Casey, Justin Colombo, Margaret Cosgrove, Elizabeth Cremin, Caroline Cusick, Casey Deschene, Nina Di Fruscia, Emily Dodge, Margaret Doherty, Bonnie Domigan, Fiona Dooley, Thomas Doucette, Allison Doxsey, Lucia Fiorenza, Nathaniel Gentile, Kayla Goff, Dylan Golden, Jonathan Gurry, Molly Hanlon, Douglas Hawkins, Aimee Hol-

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◀ The Cat in the Hat paid a visit to West Middle School while sixth-graders were having lunch. His visit was part of the National Education Association's third annual Read Across America celebration, in honor of the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2.

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Meet the physical education staff: From left are Dick Bourdelais, Dave Amundsen, Evelyn Cullinane, Dave Fazio, Carol Martini, Wayne Puglisi, and Keng Jen Lee.

## Working out at Andover High

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class is an extensive climbing and ropes course in the woods behind the high school. The challenge is no joke: a two-line bridge stretches about 30 feet between two trees, 55 feet above the ground, and that is only one element of the course. Students are encouraged, but not forced, to participate in climbing activities, and for every climbing activity, students are belayed, or secured by a rope. At the beginning of each year, says Bourdelais, the course is inspected by an expert from the design firm that created it.

"The idea is to teach students to take acceptable risk," says Bourdelais. "Everybody can try everything, but they don't have to do it." He says grading is tricky for a class with optional activities, but effort and attitude are important.

The other required class, "Personal Fitness and Wellness," makes use of the physical fitness room created, along with the field house, three years ago in the high school's massive construction and renovation project. The fitness room features 17 cardiovascular machines and 14 Nautilus strength training machines. In an adjoining room there are free weights.

"We have wonderful facilities, and it's really made a big difference," says physical education instructor Evelyn Cullinane. "It's improved our program tremendously."

Standing beneath a wall-sized diagram in the fitness room outlining "The Health-Related Components of Fitness," Cullinane explained that each student in the class develops an individual physical fitness program for the semester with goals to work toward and a chart on which to record their workouts. Classes meet every other day, meaning three days one week and two the next, for 83 minutes.

"Not all kids are going to play team sports for the rest of their lives," said Cullinane, as rock music blared from a radio in the corner and students pumped away on step machines and treadmills. "Our goal is to keep the kids active after high school."

If enthusiasm for these classes is any indication, the six instructors under Bourdelais may be achieving this goal: each year, the fitness course is oversubscribed by about 150 students, according to Bourdelais. And one of the courses being added next year is "Project Challenge II," to accommodate all the students who want to take the class a second time, but who currently must be turned away.

Also receiving an award Sunday, for Secondary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year, was instructor Carol Martini (featured in the March 1 *Townsmen* story "A perfect fit: Andover and phys ed Teacher of the Year," page 11).

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The Summer Theatre Ensemble will hold auditions for its upcoming season on Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24 at 9 a.m. at the South School.

Entering its third year, the musical theatre arts program features performance and production and is offered to student entering grades 7 to 10. The full-day program is housed at the Collins Center from July 9 to Aug. 3 with evening performances on Aug. 3 and 4.

Past productions include *Once on This Island* and *Anything Goes*.

This year's ensemble will be directed by Dawn Gabriel in collaboration with Victor DalPozzal as musical director. Both have extensive backgrounds in directing middle and high school students, organizers said.

Detailed brochures and application forms are being distributed through the schools and can be obtained at the Department of Community Services.

Audition appointments should be scheduled by calling the DCS office at 623-8274 by Tuesday, March 20.



# News

## New tactic for development of historic area

## Powder Mill developer joins affordable-housing crowd

By Rebecca Piro

After spending months in litigation with neighbors who oppose his project, Powder Mill Square owner Louis Minicucci is switching tactics – and creating a larger project.

Minicucci, of Northpoint Realty, plans to follow in the footsteps of other affordable-housing developers and file a comprehensive permit application with the Zoning Board of Appeals. "With a comprehensive permit, you seek one permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals," he says. If approved, it's only one permit – not three – that people could appeal. The current appeals against Northpoint's original proposal would dissolve.

In a comprehensive permit application, a developer needs only the approval of the zoning board and Conservation Commission. The plans do not need approval from the Planning Board or the building inspector, and the permit eliminates the normal bylaw restrictions, such as traffic concerns.

In applying for a comprehensive permit, Minicucci will add 42 housing units and one floor to the current 72-unit project at Powder Mill Square, situated at the intersection of Main and Stevens streets.

"We're kind of in a Catch-22," says Minicucci. Northpoint Realty is fighting two appeals from abutting neighbors who oppose the project. Construction has been delayed for months. "We're kind of in a never-ending appeal scenario," he says.

But by adding the extra units, Northpoint is able to apply for the comprehensive permit, which requires that a certain percentage of the project's housing units are designated affordable, rather than market-rate. With the new plans, 25 percent of the units – up from 20 percent – are affordable.

"We think it's actually a better project," says Minicucci. "If we had thought about this earlier, we could have proceeded with it in the first place."

Planning Board Chairman Michael Miller remembers the



File photo

Named for a Revolutionary War era mill that once sat on the site, the Powder Mill Square development has caused fireworks of its own with some residents.

plan that the board approved last spring with almost 60 conditions, including traffic restrictions, environmental protection measures, and flood-prevention

requirements. The board spent several months considering every possible concern with the project before granting the permit.

"I think that the plan we had before us that we approved was a good plan," says Miller.

But the news of the comprehensive permit worries him. "It's clearly 60 percent more dense than what we approved," he says. "In terms of traffic impacts, it's that much greater." Miller is also concerned that Northpoint will no longer follow the 50 or so conditions to which it originally agreed. "When you go with a comprehensive permit, you lose that local control that would have otherwise been present in this project as we approved it," he says.

But Minicucci promises that "most" of those conditions will be incorporated into the plans, and he says he appreciates the board's input and hard work in arriving at those conditions. He says that Northpoint's traffic engineer is looking into the impacts of the project's increased density. Other than the extra floor and number of units, the Powder Mill Square plans remain exactly the same.

## West Middle principal may go Simms sayonara?

West Middle School principal Vicki Simms is a finalist to become principal at Dover-Sherborn Middle School in the Dover-Sherborn Regional School District, west of Boston. She expects to know whether she has been selected by tomorrow, Friday.

"I am a finalist, and I believe they have at least one other candidate," said Simms on Tuesday. If she is selected, she said, "then I have to decide whether I want to leave Andover. The schools here are hard to top."

This year is Simms's sixth in the Andover schools. She came to West Middle from the Lexington system, and says her family is based in the Boston area. Dover-Sherborn's proximity to her family is one reason she says she's attracted to the position. "It looks like a fine school, and I miss my family," said Simms.

She also said that losing her husband, former Andover High School Principal Larry Robinson, to cancer in 1999 contributed to her decision to apply for the job. "Andover has been great, but there have been some harsh parts too. It's still hard," she said of losing her husband. "So I'm thinking of moving on."

But she said her work experience here has been very positive. "Don't quote me wrong on that," she said. "The community has been great."

Simms said if she gets the position, she currently plans to commute from Andover, where she lives.

Dover and Sherborn are adjoining towns about 15 miles west of Boston. The middle-school population there is 483 this year in grades 6 through 8.

— Adam Groff

## Town to take residents' land for sewer

By Rebecca Piro

No more Mr. Nice Guy.

That's what selectmen said Monday night when the board voted 5-0 to go forward with unfriendly eminent domain procedures for seven of the 28 easements needed for phase one of the town's multi-million dollar sewer project.

This is the first time that the town has taken land by unfriendly measures in several years, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

The town has tried to obtain the easements through negotiation for months, says Public Works Director Jack Petkus. He wants to break ground in April for the Ballardvale section of the project, which is already one month behind schedule. To do so, the town must have all 28 easements in hand.

"We've been sending... the people we've been dealing with... correspondence all along," says Stapczynski, explaining that the town put lots of effort into negotiation. "We've been very clear."

Residents voted for the \$30-million sewer project at 1999 Town Meeting, and everyone was made aware that easements through private property were part of the deal,

says Stapczynski. Last year, the town began appraising the land where easements are needed, and it started negotiating with the private owners for a fair price. Most of those easements were gained without problem, he says. But there are seven land owners who, "for whatever reason," says Petkus, have not cooperated, leaving the town with no choice but to act.

"The people voted for (the project), and to have one person be able to block that is wrong,"



**'The people voted for (the sewer project), and to have one person be able to block that is wrong.'**

— Jack Petkus, public works director

Petkus says.

The property owners who will have their land taken in an unfriendly procedure have three years to change their mind and voluntarily hand over the easement, says Petkus. They also have three years to take the town to court and fight for a larger amount of money in exchange for the use of their land. For now, the town will pay the owners the amount for which the land is appraised. Doug Wacome of Fieldstone Development, who holds three of the properties in question, will receive a total of \$1,077; the Sumner residence on County Road will receive \$2,752; the Fitzpatrick residence also on County Road will receive \$3,540; and the Bernstein residence on Rattlesnake Hill Road will receive \$1,817.

The seventh property holder, David Mazur of County Road, said at Monday night's meeting that he has been concerned about the easement that will affect 17,000 square feet of his property. The sewer line will go right through his driveway, he said. However, he ended his comments with hope that a friendly agreement can still be reached.



# Schools say teachers, textbooks would not be added

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"but some of those positions became critical before they went in."

Bach said that dropping such requests as an additional seventh-grade teacher at Doherty, a sixth-grade teacher at West Middle, and additional science, foreign-language, and history teachers at Andover High will affect class size.

"We do have a School Committee policy on class size," she said. The policy identifies a class-size midpoint for each grade, and class sizes are not supposed to deviate from the midpoint by more than four students in either direction. She said many High School classes are already pushing their upper limit of 29 students to a room.

"(Andover High Principal) Peter Anderson has spoken about the size of the High School and how it makes it a daunting place for a new student to come in and feel like they have a place," she said. "Smaller class sizes would do that. One-to-one contact with

teachers is the best way we can keep students safe. I'm concerned that we do what we can to increase contact between a student and an adult. It's in these large suburban schools that we've had problems lately - I don't want that to become a scare tactic by any means, but schools across the country have been looking at the idea of small

schools within schools, communities within communities. But you can't do that without more staff, and that's critical in these times."

Bach said that she would be conferring with Tuttle before the next Strategic Planning Task Force meeting on Friday, to figure out more specifically what they might cut from their request if it's necessary. New textbook adoptions was another area she said might be reduced.

"It is to Andover's credit

that we have the Strategic Planning Task Force," said Tuttle. The task force is made up of town officials and selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee members, and it is designed to facilitate cooperation among the boards, with the ultimate goal of crafting a budget proposal that all three boards can endorse.

"That dialogue is there," said Tuttle, "and there's a lot of mutual respect."

However, if a budget com-

promise is not reached, the School Committee could decide to recommend their budget at Town Meeting in opposition to the town manager's budget. The last time that happened in Andover was at the 1996 Town Meeting, where the three boards each backed a different budget number. The School Committee's budget lost by 24 votes. In recent years, however, the school department has been successful in ultimately attracting the support of the other boards for



*'The easiest thing to do is to say 'Last thing in, first thing out... but some of those*

*positions became critical before they went in.'*

Bernie Tuttle

Schools business manager

## Budget debate topic: Special ed costs

By Adam Groff

While school budget requests are normally faulted for being too high, some selectmen and Finance Committee members are saying the amount allotted for special education in this year's request is at least \$500,000 too low.

School Superintendent Claudia Bach went before the selectmen and the Finance Committee last Wednesday night hoping to "change some perceptions" about the rate of increase of school budgets in comparison to the rest of the town budget, but instead she found herself fielding questions about why the amount budgeted for special education

isn't larger.

By law, public schools are responsible for the education of students with special needs in their district from the age of 2 through 22 if they require it, including paying for tuition and transportation to special schools in other towns if that is necessary. These costs can run more than \$100,000 a year for a single student, depending on his or her needs, and one or two unexpected transfers in a year can wreak havoc on a school's budget.

To mitigate the impact of unanticipated special education costs, Andover has placed the cost of special education in what is termed "the bucket," a pool of expenses such as health

insurance and retirement costs that are shared by the town and the school department.

The school budget approved for the current fiscal year includes \$2.3 million for transportation and out-of-district placement costs for special education. However, the amount that is now expected to be spent on these items this year is about \$3.1 million. The \$800,000 deficit will have to be covered by a special appropriation at this year's Town Meeting.

For next year, both the School Committee budget and the town manager's recommended budget propose \$2.6 million for special education, a

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future Town Meeting with a fresh plan for site, renovation/construction, operation, maintenance and staffing, and fund-raising.

A better solution is to abandon the Williams Hall scheme and combine forces with the Andover Youth Foundation to build the senior center in conjunction with the youth center in West Andover. A cooperative effort utilizing that town-owned land would permit a community center campus with separate buildings, or a single-footprint building with dedicated senior and youth facilities and a central core of combined-use spaces. For reasons of feasibility, economy of construction and operating costs, and benefits of cross-generational interaction, I prefer the single-footprint format.

We must continue to encourage those who take the initiative to improve Andover's quality of life. But they must ensure that plans are soundly based, that full community support is demonstrated, that policy and strategy are workable, and that funding is assured.

## Hess

town have suggested a community center. There is room in West Andover for a larger complex. There may be other sites closer to town. The biggest question is should Andover use more public funds to support these projects. I expect to know by Fall 2001 and to decide on public funds at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, depending on other budget considerations.

### 2. How can we plan differently for future projects?

In part because of my leadership, we have improved communications between the selectmen, Finance Committee, and School Committee. This includes long-range planning. This mechanism should be expanded so that all issues and ideas from the community can be discussed and multiple options outlined, including financial issues. The senior-center project was approved around the same time that a youth center was denied by Town Meeting. Together we may have been able to find a way to fit both ideas into the budget.

## McCarron

If the seniors are not successful in their fundraising, I am on record as an advocate for a community center. As a selectman I would vote to direct the town manager to develop a scenario to finally address the needs of our seniors. I would ask for the development of a fiscal plan to set aside the appropriate capital necessary over a short period of time to fund a public center, and in the event these dollars cannot be totally allocated, I would ask the town manager to work with the Friends to bring forth a warrant at the appropriate time to address the shortfall on the floor of Town Meeting. This issue has gone on too long. I will work with a majority of selectmen to resolve it.

### Question 2.

I am a great believer in prioritizing goals and I believe that our town should do the same. The town of Belmont, also on Moody's

Aaa list, has developed Belmont 21, a town-wide organization that allowed all citizens of Belmont to be polled and as a community, publicly state its priorities. Future town budget allocations are now based on the expressed will of the community. Strategic planning for both short- and long-term projects reflects the interests of the many and not the few. Priorities having been set, budgets are funded accordingly. Let us follow their lead! I am confident that the people of Andover will place our seniors and our youth near or at the top of the list.

As a former School Committee member I am proud to have participated in the development and successful planning of the new elementary and middle schools in West Andover. That experience taught me the importance of seeking community input, dialogue between boards, and always being focused on the big picture.

## SPED costs lead to override talk

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14-percent increase over what was approved last year, but a 16-percent decrease from what is expected to actually be spent this year. This raised eyebrows at last Wednesday's meeting.

"It just seems hard to believe that next year's costs will be below our actual costs from this year," said Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden.

"With rising costs in every service, do we still feel we can be \$500,000 under this year's costs?" asked Selectmen Chairman Brian Major. "Are we underfunding this?"

"If we're low-balling this, it's because we've low-balled everything on this budget," said Bach. "I'm desperately afraid that if we level-fund this, we won't send the message that

this kind of hurt is across the board."

"We have a legal obligation to put together a balanced budget," countered Finance Committee member Richard Fox. "If we feel this is too low, we've got to put more in there."

Fox said that special-education costs in Andover have increased at a rate of around 10 percent per year for the past five years.

"Why level-fund it?" he asked of the suggestion that this year's request be increased to make it equal to the \$3.1 million projection. "Why shouldn't we increase it 10 percent, because that's what's going on."

Bach and Schools Business Manager Bernie Tuttle defend their figures based on the unpredictability of the costs in

question. Tuttle also says that 15 special-needs students in Andover are or will be 18 this year, meaning they may well graduate. "That may drop our costs," said Major on Tuesday, "but I don't think they'll drop below what they are this year."

Major said the Strategic Planning Task Force is already talking about augmenting the special-education budget by between \$500,000 and \$800,000, either level-funding it or increasing it by 10 percent as Fox suggested.

"Suppose I'm right," said Tuttle on Tuesday of his \$2.6 million figure. "But we raise it by \$500,000. That's \$500,000 that some other department can't use. That's always the balancing act. It's a roll of the dice."

### Upcoming event

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## Override of Prop. 2 ½ proposed

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difficulty operating." (See related article.)

The school budget item that brought the discussion to a head was special education. Ironically, while on a mission to explain her requested budget increases, Bach found herself being asked why she had not requested more for special education. Special education expenditures for this year are projected to be about \$3.1 million, but the School Committee budget only asks for \$2.6 million for next year (see related article, page 18).

"You're asking for \$2.6 million, but you probably should be asking for \$3.1 (million)," said Finance Committee member Richard Fox. "Why don't you ask these people to join you in making the case for more money?"

Other board members acknowledged the reasonableness of the School Committee budget, and many seemed open to the idea of asking for an override.

"My assumption was that we'd try for an override next year and tough it out this year," said Selectman Mary French. "But these are not extraordinary things, these are nuts-and-bolts, gut things the school needs. I know how hard the school department works to put together budgets, and I know how hard (Town Manager) Buzz (Stapczynski) works. If we need more money, let's ask for an override."

The Strategic Planning Task Force, which is made up of members of the three boards plus the town manager, the superintendent, and other town officials, met on Friday morning to hash out their budget options. According to Selectmen Chairman Brian Major, they are considering four options. Each involves increasing the amount allotted for special education to make that request at least equal to this year's projected expenditure. This would mean an increase of between \$500,000 and \$800,000 for special education in every option.

### No-override options

The first option, said Major, involves fully funding the School Committee's budget with no override, meaning the town would have to find an extra \$1.1 million elsewhere in the budget, plus the additional money for special education. One source of money that has been identified is the stabilization fund, to which the town manager's recommended budget for next year has allotted \$600,000. The stabilization fund is currently being used as a savings account that will be tapped to pay for the cost of opening the new elementary and middle schools in 2002 (fiscal year 2003). Finance Committee Chair Joanne Marden has said that raiding the stabilization fund would "guarantee" the need for a general override for fiscal year 2003 to open the new schools.

The second option involves funding the town manager's recommended budget with no override. Bach has said that if she had to reduce her school budget recommendation by \$1.1 million, she would first look at canceling all her new staffing requests, at a savings close to \$800,000 — and at a cost of larger classes. She said other measures might include cutting instructional assistants and slowing new textbook adoptions.

### Override options

The third option involves funding the School Committee's budget with a general override large enough to cover the \$1.1 million plus special-education increases.

The fourth option involves funding the School Committee's budget with a general

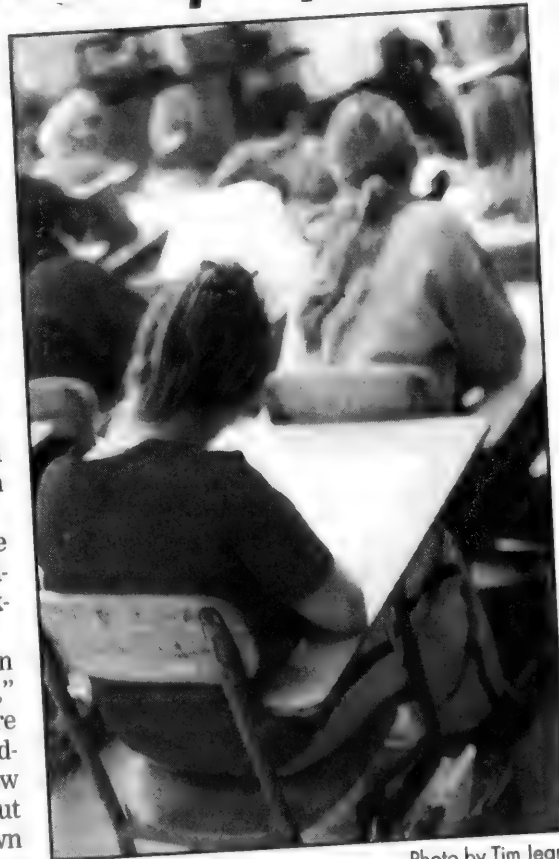


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**School officials say they want a 8.9-percent increase to lower class sizes, among other things.**

override reduced by \$600,000, the amount allocated for the stabilization fund.

Another obvious source of extra money in the budget is the town's excess levy capacity, the amount of money the town can raise under Proposition 2½, but currently does not. The current excess levy capacity is about \$350,000. For the past seven fiscal years, the town has retained an excess levy capacity of between \$300,000 and \$1 million.

### Is it legal?

The Strategic Planning Task Force will meet again this Friday, March 16, at 7:30 a.m. in the school administration offices above the senior center to try to apply some hard numbers to the options it outlined last Friday. In addition, Stapczynski said he is consulting with town counsel about whether it would even be possible under the law to ask for an override, because the Town Meeting warrant is already closed. He said it may be possible to ask for a budget amendment of some sort at Town Meeting, allowing for an override.

Members of the three boards polled this week downplayed the possibility of an override.

"I don't think an override will be necessary," said Finance Committee member Robert King. "If it were, I'd be willing to consider it, but I don't think it will."

"We were considering not raising all the taxes that could be raised (i.e., having excess levy capacity). We were considering setting aside money for the stabilization fund; we may not do that."

"I'm willing to consider it, but I just don't think it's necessary," said School Committee member Eric Nadworny. "I've always been a proponent of planning ahead, and the fact that this question is coming up in March is not consistent with good planning. If it's something we need for the future, let's go ahead and plan for it — we do wonderful work when we plan ahead."



# Only one official outright dismisses override as option for this year

The *Townsmen* asked officials "Are you willing to consider recommending a general override of Proposition 2½ at Town Meeting this year?" Most said they would at least consider it.

Results from selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee:

Yes 11

No 1

NC 7

(NC means the person either declined to respond, or did not return calls.)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joanne Marden NC  
(Declined to respond.)  
Margaret Jurgen Yes  
Margaret Bradshaw NC  
(Did not return phone calls.)  
Thomas Fardy Yes  
Timothy Felter Yes  
Richard Fox NC  
(Unavailable.)  
Robert King Yes  
Cynthia Milne No  
Debra Silberstein NC  
(Declined to respond.)

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tina Girdwood Yes  
Dick Collins NC  
(Declined to respond.)  
Skip Eccles Yes  
Gerald Gustus Yes  
Eric Nadworny Yes

## SELECTMEN

Brian Major Yes  
Lori Becker NC  
(Did not return phone calls.)  
John Hess (Candidate for reelection, see article, page 7.) Yes  
Mary French Yes  
Ted Teichert Yes

## Officials' comments on question

Are you willing to consider recommending a general override of Proposition 2½ at Town Meeting this year?

### SELECTMEN

**Brian Major** Yes  
"On condition that we completely describe what the dollars would be used for, and that we describe precisely what the tax financial impact would be on all taxpayers for the new schools, safety-center complex, as well as betterments for the sewer project up front. Because right now, the principal and interest in those projects are still a couple years out. I want to make sure that people understand how much their taxes will go up with what we have already agreed to."

"The school budget... and the Special Education budget... are the only items that we need (to fund with an override)."

**Ted Teichert** Yes  
"Whether it's this year or next year, it's going to happen. People want all these different things between a senior center and a youth center, playing

fields and school issues. It's all adding up and where is the money coming from? It sounds like the people have spoken and this is what they want."

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Joanne Marden** NC  
Declined to respond.  
"I think the survey is mischievous. I'm not going to answer because my answer could be easily misinterpreted. It's too easy to have it be misinterpreted."

**Margaret Jurgen** Yes  
"At this point in history I am not ready to recommend it. We haven't looked at the whole budget yet. I think we should certainly keep an open mind - until we see all the figures and all the requests, we can't make an assessment. I think we're still within a window of opportunity."

**Thomas Fardy** Yes  
"I think ultimately it's the Town Meeting members' decision, but it's the boards' job to make the best recommendation. I think to propose the override and be voted down

contains an element of risk."

**Cynthia Milne** No  
"I think if they're going to go after a budget of that size, they should go for an override, but I'm not in favor of it."

**Debra Silberstein** NC  
Declined to respond.  
"We really need to talk about it as a committee first."

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Tina Girdwood** Yes  
"I'm willing to consider it but I want to consider it in light of fiscal year '02 and FY '03. We need to understand the impact of this. It's not just the schools, we need to look at all the departments."

**Eric Nadworny** Yes  
"I'm willing to consider it but I just don't think it's necessary. I've always been a proponent of planning ahead. The fact that this question is coming up in March is not consistent with good planning. If it's something we need for the future, let's go ahead and plan for it. We do wonderful work when we plan ahead."

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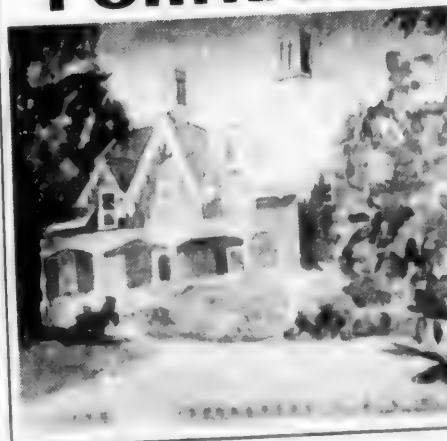
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# POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

Saturday, March 10 - At 5:09 p.m., a 15-year-old male from Andover was arrested and charged on three separate warrants: two for indecent assault and battery on a child younger than 14; the third for lewd, wanton and lascivious behavior.

At 9:25 p.m., Floyd West, 32, of 123 Lena St., East Providence, R.I., was arrested and charged on a warrant for committing malicious damage to property worth less than \$250, and a second warrant for failing to return a leased vehicle.

Sunday, March 11 - At 2:45 a.m., Thomas Geary, 19, of 86 Bicknell Road, Billerica, was arrested and charged as a minor transporting alcohol.

Monday, March 12 - At 3:53

p.m., Deborah Czarnecki, 32, of 178 Maple St., Lynn, was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor-vehicle violations.

Tuesday, March 13 - At 12:45 p.m., a 15-year-old male from Lawrence was arrested and charged on a warrant for threats to commit a crime.

## INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 7 - At 10:14 a.m., a Rocky Hill Road caller reported that the street had not yet been plowed.

At 10:23 a.m., a Blanchard Street caller reported that a snow plow had damaged her mailbox.

At 5:29 p.m., an employee at Enzo of Andover reported that snow was falling off the building's roof. An officer blocked off

the dangerous area with yellow tape.

At 6:41 p.m., a Harvard Road resident reported that a man "knocked on her door, but she wouldn't let him in," according to the log. The woman said she did not know if the man was selling something. An officer was unable to find the person in question.

At 9:02 p.m., a female called to ask an officer to talk to her son about a large knife that she said was hidden in his room. An officer was to file.

At 9:33 p.m., an officer reported that some storage boxes on Minuteman Road were opened and unlocked. The officer secured the boxes.

At 11:11 p.m., a Frye Circle resident called to report a yellow plow truck driving around. She felt it was suspicious since it was no longer snowing and the snow had already been pushed back. A detective checked the area and reported that it was a front-end loader moving snow to widen the roads.

Thursday, March 8 - At 1:30 a.m., an off-duty officer requested another officer to deal with a person causing a disturbance by using heavy equipment for a private plow job. The subject stopped plowing for the night, according to the log.

At 9:38 a.m., an officer reported that Chestnut Street was too narrow for vehicles to pass with all the snow. The highway department was notified.

At 11:40 a.m., a McDonald Circle resident reported a lost passport and visa from December.

At 2:31 p.m., a Maple Avenue resident reported that two males, who stated that they worked for AT&T, had been trying to gain access to the house

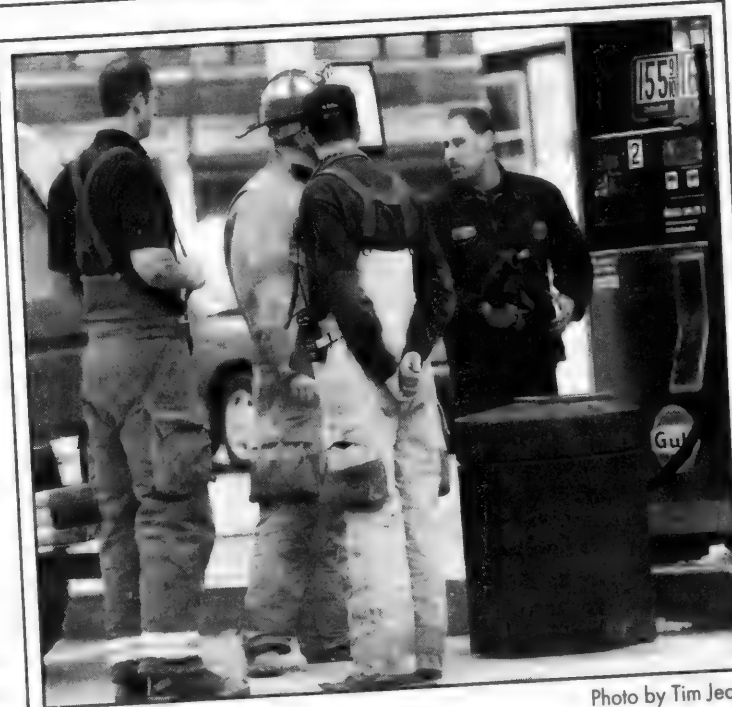


Photo by Tim Jean

An employee at the Andover Gulf station at Main and Chestnut Streets holds the gas nozzle that sprang a leak last Friday morning. Owner George Haginicholas said the leak happened around 10 a.m., and the only gasoline that escaped was the residue in the hose. Nonetheless, neighbors smelled the gas and called the fire department, which closed off Chestnut Street between Main and Central streets until approximately 2 p.m., while workers spread sand and material resembling cat litter to soak up the gas. The gas flowed down the street on runoff from melting snow. Haginicholas said that there is a standard procedure he must follow in the case of a gas leak, including shutting down the pump and calling the fire department, an environmental-services firm, and a risk-management firm.

through the bulkhead. The resident called the phone company, which said it was not aware of any service to be done at that address. A responding officer reported that a break-in did not occur and there were no footprints in the area.

Friday, March 9 - At 9:46 a.m., officers assisted the fire

department with shutting down part of Chestnut Street due to a gas spill at the Gulf station.

At 2:57 p.m., police received a report of a student at the Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical School making threats to other people.

At 5:12 p.m., a Verizon

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## 2 a.m. is too early to plow

No matter how much snow has fallen, plowing driveways can wait until regular work hours, say police. But private contractor Mike Arserio disagrees, saying he was unfairly stopped by police during an early-morning plow job.

Arserio, who is not hired by the town, says he was plowing the driveway of an Andover customer around 2 a.m. last Wednesday, March 7, during the tail end of the storm that dumped approximately two feet of snow in Andover.

Before he had finished the job, Arserio says that Officer Ed Higgenbottom, off-duty at the time, heard the plow and walked over from his next-door residence "screaming" at him for operating noisy equipment before 7 a.m.

"I told him I was not moving my equipment. I was doing snow emergency work," says Arserio.

Higgenbottom responded by calling in extra officers for backup, one of whom threatened to arrest Arse-

rio if he did not move along - which he eventually did, Arserio says.

Lt. Jim Hashem says Higgenbottom had every right to stop the contractor in his tracks. "It wasn't a snow emergency. He was told he cannot be working in a residential area (before 7 a.m.) and he was disturbing the peace," says Hashem.

Town plows will often work 24 hours a day during a snow storm, but usually in a non-residential area, he says. If residents complain, police will tell the town-hired plows to stop for the night.

Regardless, Arserio maintains that if it weren't for private contractors like himself who cleared the properties of private customers, Andover would not have recovered as well as it has from the storm. Hashem disagrees. "A private contractor doing private work for profit that is not (solving) a public safety concern and it is of no benefit to the town."

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Charleston, Charleston...

## MJT's got the moves ...

By Judy Wakefield

When plans were being made for Merrimack Junior Theatre's spring show, one thing was clear. The group of 44 cast members sure can dance.

That meant the show had to feature some serious dance

moves, and the script for *The Boyfriend* fit the bill. So, every one of those 88 legs will take part in a rollicking Charleston dance number during the performance which happens this weekend. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March

17, while the matinee is 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 18. The show is being staged at Doherty Middle School auditorium. Tickets are \$8.

"This group of kids moves really well, every one of them," said Anne Sullivan, an Andover mom whose two kids

have long left MJT, but she continues to be involved with the drama group because, she said, "I just love it."

This year marks the 13th anniversary for MJT, a popular theater group for Andover kids. Just a few of the cast members are not from Andover, and about half of them have been with the troupe for several years. They typically join in the second or third grade and stay until high school.

The artistic director is Josie Walker and the choreographer is Cindy Morgan for this show, which is a spoof of a French boarding school in the 1920s. The lead character, Polly, makes up love letters to a boyfriend.

Sullivan did not want to spoil the ending, so let's just say, the boyfriend is not exactly who Polly thought he was.

"The kids are playing kids their age, and the play is high caliber," Sullivan added.

This is the second performance this season for MJT. Last fall, their performance of *Aladdin* sold

out the Doherty auditorium. That show featured the younger members of the MJT, those in grades 2 to 6. The spring show features older cast members.

Sullivan said parents are a key part of MJT's success and she credits them, along with Walker and Corinne Gediman, with working together to produce a top-notch performance.

She said the MJT credo is to keep shows simple, not go overboard with set designs and make sure the kids are enjoying the experience.

While local theater buffs beg MJT to do more shows, two a year is the limit. There are no plans to change that.

"This is all volunteers and it is very family-oriented. We have parents who are CEOs, lawyers, and doctors working alongside parents who are plumbers, carpenters, and secretaries. Everyone pulls together. It's a great atmosphere," Sullivan said.

Tickets are still available for the three shows. They are available from cast members, Strawberry Tree on Main Street, and at the Department of Community Services counter in Town Offices.



◀Bust a move – Doing the Charleston in *The Boyfriend* are Trevor Efinger as Bobby, flanked by Meredith Schmidt (left) as his girlfriend, and Eileen Parsons as Polly Brown. This season the Merrimack Junior Theatre celebrates its 13th year.

Photo by Tim Jean

## Writers' group focuses on self-publishing

The Andover Writers' Group is offering a discussion on self-publishing and self-marketing on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

Literary publicist Karen Sheehan and author and real estate attorney David S. Brody will lead the discussion.

Brody's first book, *Unlawful Deeds*, ranked No. 1 on Amazon.com's "popular in Massachusetts" last September.

Sheehan has a marketing background and formerly planned author events for Barnes & Noble. She will talk about working with a publicist and self-publicity.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Joyce Crane at 475-3206, or Leo Griffin at 470-1186.

## 'Women's Point of View' at Whistler

Andover artist Tamara Krendel is among the six women artists showing and selling their artwork at an exhibit at Whistler House Art Museum.

The show, "Women's Point of View: The Biennial Women's Art Show," opens Sunday, March 18 and runs through April 14. The opening reception is March 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission to the reception is free.

In addition, the museum is hosting a "Tea with the Artists" event on Thursday.

◀Tamara Krendel



## ◀Kevin Brooks

p.m. Brooks specializes in telling personal tales from his urban childhood of the '60s, his '70s adolescence, '80s adulthood, '90s parenthood and new millennium survival. His stories for family audiences are both funny and poignant. He has been a featured performer at A Day for Sam Storytelling Festival, Club Passim, Brother Blue's Weekly Storytelling series, Tellabration, Three Apples Storytelling Festival, Connecticut Storytelling Festival and First Night Boston.

With a Ph.D. from MIT, Kevin is a media expert as well as a leader in the New England Storytelling Movement.

For more information, call (800) 491-0143.

## Eire on the air: Garvey has tribute to St. Patrick

Local radio station WCCM-AM 800 will present its 14th annual tribute to St. Patrick on Friday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

Hosted by Tom Garvey of

Andover, the radio show will have traditional Irish music and lively conversation.

## Irish celebration concert

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, virtuoso flute and tin whistle player, singer, Irish humorist and musicologist David O'Docherty will perform in concert on Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in North Andover's Stevens Memorial Library Rotunda.

Born in Dublin and a renowned painter who exhibits internationally, O'Docherty will share his many other artistic gifts in an entertaining concert performance. *The Boston Globe* called him "one of the most engaging Celts to come to Boston."

Mark your calendars for what organizers describe as a "fun and unusual family event." This concert is free and open to the public. The Stevens Memorial Library is located at 345 Main St., North Andover.

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# EVENTS CALENDAR



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## THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Learn to play piano workshop, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Andover High School; 623-8274.

Poetry reading, poets Cleopatra Mathis, Cynthia Huntington, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; (800)491-0143.

Computer technology career night, 6:30 p.m., North Shore Community College, Cummings Center, Beverly; (978)236-1200.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Tot Shabbat, 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road; 470-1563.

Book signing, former *Townsmen* editor Perry Colmore, *The Book on Hope*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., <perry@mediaone.net>.

*The Boyfriend*, Merrimack Junior Theatre, \$8, 7:30 p.m., Doherty Middle School auditorium; 686-5499.

*The Little Mermaid*, South School's annual production, \$7, 7 p.m., West Middle School.

Artist's reception with Alison Shaw, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Alpers Fine Art, 2 Main St.; 470-0013.

St. Patrick's Day luncheon, noon, St. Mary's auditorium, White and Chestnut streets, Lawrence; Mark McComiskey 475-8745.

Artists spring show, Saltbox Gallery of Topsfield artists, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Topsfield Fairgrounds, Coolidge Hall, Topsfield; (978)887-3844.

Irish soda bread contest, 4-7 p.m., Heritage State Park, Lawrence; 688-4358.

Tribute to St. Patrick, 2 p.m., on local radio station WCCM-800AM, Tom Garvey 470-1658.

Tap, clogging, Irish step-dancing show, \$18 door, \$15 advance, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5355.

Concert, New England String Ensemble, 8 p.m., First Parish Church, 1 Church St., Wakefield; (781)224-1117 or <www.nese.net>.



String Ensemble, 8 p.m., First Parish Church, 1 Church St., Wakefield; (781)224-1117 or <www.nese.net>.

◀ Tomas Kubinek describes himself as a "certified lunatic." He plays the Rogers Center on Saturday.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Robbie Printz, Jeff Meisler, Steph Wishnick, call for prices. Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Tomas Kubinek show, \$12 door, \$10 advance, 2 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5355.

Irish food tasting, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Wild Oats, 40 Railroad St.

Craft show, \$4, free under 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Rockingham Park Racetrack, Salem, N.H.; (603)755-2166.

Open house, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Montserrat College of Art, 23 Essex St., Beverly; (978)921-2351.

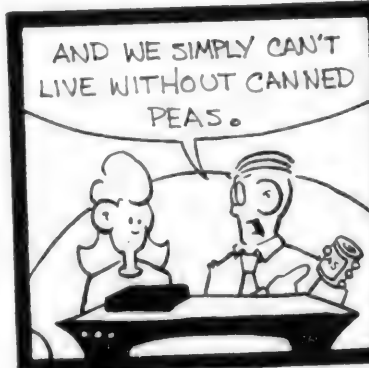
Concert, Reading Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., \$15, \$8 seniors, students, Wilmington High School auditorium, 159 Church St. (Rte. 62), Wilmington; (781)937-3332.

Concert, Lori McKenna, Maria Sangiolo, doors open at 7:30 p.m., \$12, New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, Rtes. 110 and 125, Haverhill; (978)373-9259 or <www.newmooncoffeehouse.org>.

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**Wind in the Willows**, Concord Youth Theatre, 2:30 p.m., \$8.50-\$12, 40 Stow St., Concord; (978)371-1482.  
**Artist's reception with Alison Shaw**, noon-3 p.m., see March 16 entry.  
**Artists spring show**, see March 16 entry.  
**The Boyfriend**, see March 16 entry.  
**The Little Mermaid**, see March 16 entry.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 18

**Book signing**, children's author Jan Brett, noon-2 p.m., limit 2 carry-ins, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; 800-491-0143.  
**Hike**, sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, 1:30 p.m., walk the city streets in Salem, meet at National Park Service visitors Center; Fred Snell 686-3647, <fred@snell.com>.  
**Spencers Magic Show**, \$15 advance, \$18 door, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5355.  
**Wind in the Willows**, 2:30 p.m., see March 9 entry.  
**Artists spring show**, see March 16 entry.  
**The Boyfriend**, 2 p.m., see March 16 entry.  
**Craft show**, see March 17 entry.

## MONDAY, MARCH 19

**"Choice, not Chance"** parent meeting, 7 p.m., discussing college planning, Andover High School library; Maureen Wholey <MaureenW@AndoverPublicSchools.com>.



Common Ground will provide an evening of American tap, clogging and Irish step dancing Friday, March 16, at 8 at the Rogers Center.

**Irish music concert**, with humorist and musicologist David O'Docherty, 7 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Jill Barker 688-9505.  
**Planting, soil workshop**, 7:30 p.m., \$5, Essex Agricultural School, Smith Hall, Rte. 62, Danvers; Dan Tremblay (978)777-2711.  
**Machiavelli and Modern Leadership political discussion**, with Sen. Susan Tucker of Andover and others, 1 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Bentley Library Conference Area, Haverhill; (978)556-3395.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 20

**Children's concert with Ed Morgan**, 3-4 p.m., Bruegger's Bagels, Main Street, Andover; (978)567-8922.  
**Archaeological discussion**, 7:30 p.m., free, Robert S. Peabody Museum, Phillips Academy, Main Street; 475-7648.  
**Jazz**, The Ron Zack Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

**Discussion on children moving to middle and high school**, sponsored by 766 Special Education

Parents Advisory, 7 p.m., Doherty Middle School cafeteria.  
**Print competition**, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643.  
**Shipwreck, submarine slide show**, with Bruce Bateman, 9:30 a.m., Memorial Hall Library; Norma Gammon 623-8400. ▶



Bruce Bateman

## THURSDAY, MARCH 22

**Exhibit opening**, works by children from the Hellenic American School in Lowell, 6-10 p.m., Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, 172 Middle St., Lowell; (617)598-1046, Ext. 9225 or <ayerloftsart@onebox.com>.  
**Andover fly fishers programs**, 7:30 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, Andover; Fred Cummings 475-4167.  
**Film night**, featuring two films on schooners and Chebacco boats, 7:15 p.m., \$3, Salem Access Television, conference room, 285 Derby St., Salem; Dan Tremblay (978)777-2711.  
**Blood drive**, 2-8 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 198 Haggett's Pond Road; 683-8922.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 23

**Auditions**, Summer Theatre Ensemble, for students entering grades 7 to 10, 3:30-6:30 p.m., South School; 623-8274 to schedule audition time or Elly Seavey 475-3319.  
**Storyteller Kevin Brooks**, 7 p.m., for ages 6 and up, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; (800)491-0143.  
**Church supper**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., United Presbyterian Church, 96 E. Haverhill St., Lawrence; Carol St. Hilaire 688-6645.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 24

**Bean supper, Easter raffle**, 4-6:30 p.m., \$5, \$2 under 12, Sacred Heart Parish, 321 S. Broadway, Lawrence; Irene Potvin 686-5712.  
**Video-multimedia presentation**, 7:30 p.m., \$6, \$4 ages 10-14, Dracula's Castle, 90 Lafayette St., Salem; 9978/777-2711.  
**Cajun Fest**, with Crawdad Wranglers, 6 p.m., \$10-20, New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, Haverhill; 9978/373-9259 or <www.newmooncoffeehouse.org>.  
**Murder at Stevens Estate**, \$55, \$99 couple, dinner and show, 732 Osgood St., North Andover; (800)697-2583.  
**Wine tasting**, benefits Trustees of Reservations, 5-8 p.m., \$45, Castle Hill, Ipswich; (978)356-4351.  
**Artist talk**, with Kanishka Raja, Annu Palakunnathu, Matthew and Sabina Haque, 2 p.m., Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell.

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**Artists spring show**, see March 16 entry.  
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## SUNDAY, MARCH 18

**Book signing**, children's author Jan Brett, noon-2 p.m., limit 2 carry-ins, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; 800-491-0143.  
**Hike**, sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, 1:30 p.m., walk the city streets in Salem, meet at National Park Service visitors Center; Fred Snell 686-3647, <fred@snell.com>.  
**Spencers Magic Show**, \$15 advance, \$18 door, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5355.  
*Wind in the Willows*, 2:30 p.m., see March 9 entry.  
**Artists spring show**, see March 16 entry.  
**The Boyfriend**, 2 p.m., see March 16 entry.  
**Craft show**, see March 17 entry.

## MONDAY, MARCH 19

**"Choice, not Chance" parent meeting**, 7 p.m., discussing college planning, Andover High School library; Maureen Wholey <MaureenW@AndoverPublicSchools.com>.



Common Ground will provide an evening of American tap, clogging and Irish step dancing Friday, March 16, at 8 at the Rogers Center.

**Irish music concert**, with humorist and musicologist David O'Docherty, 7 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Jill Barker 688-9505.  
**Planting, soil workshop**, 7:30 p.m., \$5, Essex Agricultural School, Smith Hall, Rte. 62, Danvers; Dan Tremblay (978)777-2711.  
**Machiavelli and Modern Leadership political discussion**, with Sen. Susan Tucker of Andover and others, 1 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Bentley Library Conference Area, Haverhill; (978)556-3395.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 20

**Children's concert with Ed Morgan**, 3-4 p.m., Bruegger's Bagels, Main Street, Andover; (978)567-8922.  
**Archaeological discussion**, 7:30 p.m., free, Robert S. Peabody Museum, Phillips Academy, Main Street; 475-7648.  
**Jazz**, The Ron Zack Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

**Discussion on children moving to middle and high school**, sponsored by 766 Special Education

Parents Advisory, 7 p.m., Doherty Middle School cafeteria.  
**Print competition**, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643.  
**Shipwreck, submarine slide show**, with Bruce Bateman, 9:30 a.m., Memorial Hall Library; Norma Gammon 623-8400. ▶



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## THURSDAY, MARCH 22

**Exhibit opening**, works by children from the Hellenic American School in Lowell, 6-10 p.m., Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, 172 Middle St., Lowell; (617)598-1046, Ext. 9225 or <ayerloftsart@onebox.com>.  
**Andover fly fishers programs**, 7:30 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, Andover; Fred Cummings 475-4167.  
**Film night**, featuring two films on schooners and Chebacco boats, 7:15 p.m., \$3, Salem Access Television, conference room, 285 Derby St., Salem; Dan Tremblay (978)777-2711.  
**Blood drive**, 2-8 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 198 Haggett's Pond Road; 683-8922.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 23

**Auditions**, Summer Theatre Ensemble, for students entering grades 7 to 10, 3:30-6:30 p.m., South School; 623-8274 to schedule audition time or Elly Seavey 475-3319.  
**Storyteller Kevin Brooks**, 7 p.m., for ages 6 and up, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; (800)491-0143.  
**Church supper**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., United Presbyterian Church, 96 E. Haverhill St., Lawrence; Carol St. Hilaire 688-6645.

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 24

**Bean supper, Easter raffle**, 4-6:30 p.m., \$5, \$2 under 12, Sacred Heart Parish, 321 S. Broadway, Lawrence; Irene Potvin 686-5712.  
**Video-multimedia presentation**, 7:30 p.m., \$6, \$4 ages 10-14, Dracula's Castle, 90 Lafayette St., Salem; 9978777-2711.  
**Cajun Fest**, with Crawdad Wranglers, 6 p.m., \$10-20, New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, Haverhill; 9978373-9259 or <www.newmooncoffeehouse.org>.  
**Murder at Stevens Estate**, \$55, \$99 couple, dinner and show, 732 Osgood St., North Andover; (800)697-2583.  
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**Artist talk**, with Kanishka Raja, Annu Palakunnathu, Matthew and Sabina Haque, 2 p.m., Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell.

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# Living

## Jan Brett coming to town... 'The kids just love her books'



By Judy Wakefield

A popular children's book author and illustrator, whose 3-year-old Web site has tallied about 64 million hits, comes to town this weekend for a book signing.

Jan Brett will be at Andover Bookstore on Sunday, March 18 from noon to 2 p.m.

Brett, a *New York Times* bestseller-list maker, has over 18 million books in print. She definitely has some local fans, both young and old.

While kids love her intense, colorful illustrations and stories about animals, teachers love her Web site.

Commercialism is a no-no at this site.

Surfers will not find stuffed characters from Brett's books. Rather, she posts some 800 pages of activities related to her books.

"She offers lots of ideas for teachers, like bookmarks and coloring sheets for the kindergartners. And, she works hard to keep the site up-to-date," said Justine Quimby, media specialist at Bancroft School. "The kids just love her books.

They are always taking them out."

*Comet's Nine Lives* was Brett's *New York Times* best-seller while *Town Mouse*, *Country Mouse* was a Parent's Choice award winner in 1994.

And *The Mitten: A Ukrainian Folktale* made the Top 10 Titles for Elementary Students in 1999.

But Hedgeie will most likely steal the spotlight at Andover Bookstore.

Hedgeie is Brett's popular hedgehog character introduced in her book, *The Hat*. Hedgeie returns in Brett's just-published book, *Hedgeie's Surprise*. Like every Brett book, this one is colorfully illustrated with needlepoint borders and the story is captivating.

Set on a Scandinavian farm, this story captures the mischievous nature of a Danish Tomten — which is much like a leprechaun, the elf of Irish folklore — along with some farm animals. Brett's signature details, where she provides a mini-preview of what happens next in a border illustration, is included.

Brett, who lives in Norwell with her husband, said she takes the illustrating as serious as the writing in her books and her goal is always the same.

"I want to walk in the page and disappear into the story," she explained.

As a youngster, she was very insulted if her books did not keep her interested. She felt much of what she read was "overly simplistic" and that bothered her. She aspired to be an illustrator and the writing eventually fell into place.

Part of the Brett appeal is that she is careful to use lead characters that kids really don't feel badly for, like a troll or a mouse. And, she likes a happy ending.

"I'm very gentle with my stories," said the 51-year-old author, adding that she takes pride in knowing that children's picture books have a special place in people's lives.

"A book is like a toy. You put it under your bed, take it with you in the car, bring your book wherever you go. There is something very intimate about it," Brett said.

◀ Jan Brett and a feathery friend. Brett will be at Andover Bookstore on Sunday.

### Book-signing by former Townsman editor

Former *Townsman* editor Perry Colmore will sign copies of her second book on cancer, *The Book on Hope*, Friday, March 16, at Andover Bookstore, 7 p.m. With former *Townsman* photographer Lisa Adelsberger, Colmore is also the author of the award-winning *Living With Breast Cancer*.



Perry Colmore

Both books feature first-person stories of cancer survivors and their photos by Adelsberger.

*The Book on Hope* tells the stories of men and women coping with all kinds of cancer. They are young, they are old, they are middle aged,

and they are frank. They are learning to live with the fear of recurrence, with treatment decisions and other problems that cancer brings.

Here's a small part of 69-year-old lung cancer survivor Bob Lewis's story: "Today I feel good. I don't feel nervous about my health. I've got a cough. My

voice has changed. I used to be able to do seats jazz singing. I can't do it much now. They're trying to get me to do a little operation."

And 52-year-old breast-cancer survivor Toni Stephan: "And so now I live my life in four-month bites — those blessed days between oncology visits when it doesn't feel necessary to bargain with the fates about the question of time. I used to be consumed with death and dying. Now I find myself daring to be curious about the business of living."

All the people in *The Book on Hope* were treated at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. The stories from the book are also a hanging exhibit, The Wall of Hope, at the hospital. Two-time breast cancer survivor Colmore's story is in this book, as well as in her first one.

"The people in this book are teaching me to deal with cancer every day," Colmore said. "If Toni and Jay, Marilyn and Roger, Harvey, Harold and Audrey can do it, then I must be able to, too."

And besides, even if in the end I die of cancer, I'm learning how to live with it right now, and that's making my time that much more rewarding and worthwhile. This is all about love and sharing, and those two pearls are everything in life."

The book is for sale at Andover Book-

store and also the *Townsman* offices, for \$24.95.

### Local woman's karate book is published

Andover resident Penny Mitchell, who owns a North Reading karate school, has published a book, *This Is Tang Soo Do*. The book is co-authored with karate instructor Richard Byrne.

The book is about the style of karate she studies and teaches.

Mitchell began her training in 1978 while attending Northern Essex Community College and, three years later, earned her first-degree black belt.

Over the next 20 years, she won many awards, and was honored for winning the most awards won in tournament competition, for a man or a woman, in the American Tang Soo Do Association. In 1990, she was the first inductee into the American Tang Soo Do Association's Black Belt Hall of Fame, and in 1997 was appointed as the ATA's technical advisory chairperson and later that same year was elevated to the position of vice president of the association.

Last year, she received her 6th-degree black belt, making her one of the highest-ranking women in Tang Soo Do in the country. Along with these accomplish-



Penny Mitchell

ments, she taught at three Tang Soo Do locations: at the Andover YMCA, Tyngsborough, and her main facility, Byrne's Tang Soo Do Karate Studio of North Reading. The book is due to be released March 19, and a book signing is planned at ATA headquarters in Malden.



# SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

## Community-wide yard sale to benefit Dollars for Scholars

Andover Dollars for Scholars will hold its first community-wide yard sale on Sunday, May 5.

Participants will be able to set up "shop" by purchasing a numbered parking-lot space at Andover High for a nominal fee. Those participating will need to provide the items for sale, a table, and staff. Andover Dollars for Scholars will provide the advertising, permits, security, and the buyers. Refreshments will be available by vendors.

Space is limited. To make a reservation, call Susan Jenkins at 475-4111 for a registration form. The forms are also available at Andover Bank, 61 Main St.; Memorial Hall Library; and Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

Andover Dollars for Scholars is a local, volunteer-operated, community scholarship foundation affiliated with Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America. It provides financial aid for

Andover residents attending college. For more information about the group, call Cynthia J. Milne at 475-8886.

## Andona Society plans an evening of Celtic celebration

The Andona Society will host its second annual St. Patrick's Day Gala on Saturday, March 17 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Indian Ridge Country Club. The public is invited to join members for an evening of Celtic celebration.

The Andona Society is a non-profit civic organization, raising funds to benefit the youth of Andover. Last year, the organization raised over \$55,000 for scholarships and youth programs.

Cocktails begin at 7 p.m., followed by a light supper. There will be both a silent and live auction featuring many wonderful items, including weekend getaways and gift certificates donated by local merchants. Specialty services such as facials and manicures will also be up for auction along with children's

Members of the Andona Society's St. Patrick's Day Gala Committee are (from left) Denise P. Wall, Paula C. Conrad, Jane L. Kerrigan, and Nancy J. Daniels. Committee members not in the photo include Wendy H. Pechacek and Kathleen Willis. ▶



ballet and karate classes. An emerald necklace raffle is also planned.

Music will be provided by Nu Image DJ Services. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at the door.

## Quota International of Andover donates \$2,000 to YWCA

Quota International of Andover, represented by Service Committee Chair Francesca P. Frazier of Tewksbury, recently donated \$2,000 to the YWCA of Greater Lawrence. The gift was earmarked to aid the OASIS Transitional Housing Program, which serves formerly battered homeless women and their children.

"The donation will help women and their children secure basic necessities such as emergency food, linens, household items and furniture when they move into the OASIS program or when they are ready to start their own apartments," said Frazier. "Mothers and children arrive at OASIS with very few personal resources," said YWCA Executive Director Rebecca A. Hall. "The OASIS donation helps us fill the gaps so that families can live

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◀ Quota International of Andover's Service Committee Chair Francesca P. Frazier (left) presents YWCA Executive Director Rebecca A. Hall with a \$2,000 donation to support OASIS, the YWCA's transitional housing program for formerly battered women and children.

## Think Spring: Appalachian Mountain Club trips announced

The Andover chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club announces these upcoming hikes and trips:

- ▶ **Sunday, March 18**, walk the city streets in Salem, Mass., meet at 1:30 p.m., National Park Service Visitors Center, parking garage available, call Fred Snell 686-3647 or <fred@snell.com>.
- ▶ **Sunday, March 18**, hike Crane Beach, Ipswich, parking fee, meet at 1:30 p.m., near bathhouse, call Faith Evans (978) 356-2098.
- ▶ **Sunday, April 1**, hike about 5 miles, Weir Hill, North Andover, meet 1:30 p.m. at TOR sign on Stevens Street, mud-resistant footwear recommended, heavy rain cancels, contact Art Olsen Jr. (978) 374-0751 or <artolsenjr@att.net>.
- ▶ **Sunday, April 8**, 41st Annual Wapack Trail hike, register by Friday, April 6, call Larry Blood (781) 944-0929 or <lblood@sprynet.com>.
- ▶ **Sunday, April 8**, hike 3- to 4 miles, Avis Skug River Reservation and a section of Harold Parker Forest, meet 1:30 p.m., Skug River Reservation, parking lot, Andover, call Marta & Dick Hornidge 475-3595.
- ▶ **Sunday, April 22**, 2.5 mile around Lake Quannopowitt, Wakefield, meet 1:30 p.m., at front door of Lord Wakefield Hotel, call Dave Milot, (978) 682-8924.
- ▶ **Saturday, April 28**, 8-mile hike, North and South Peak, Mount Monadnock, bring lunch, windbreaker, sturdy boots, register by April 27, call Rusty Gerrish (978) 433-3915.
- ▶ **Sunday, April 29**, 5- to 6-mile hike around Kenoza Lake and castle, meet at parking lot #1 at Northern Essex Community College, Helen & Ray Conway (978) 373-0586.

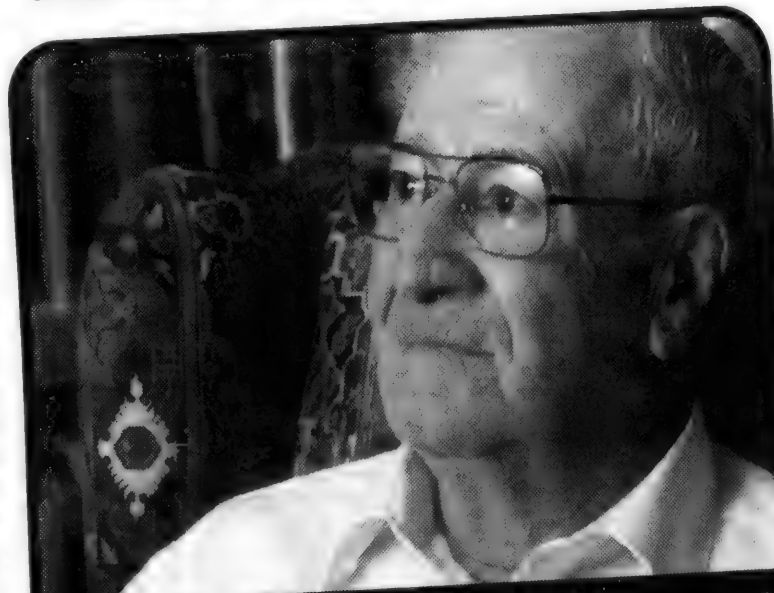
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## OBITUARIES

### John J. Minahan VP for investments of PaineWebber's local office

John J. Minahan, 51, of Andover, died Wednesday, March 7 at Lawrence General Hospital after being stricken at his home on Salem Street.

Mr. Minahan managed the district office of PaineWebber in Andover and was first vice-president for investments of PaineWebber's Andover office in 1998.

He began his career in health care administration, serving first as assistant human resources manager at the former St. John's Hospital in Lowell, and later as director of human resources at Cheshire Hospital in Keene, N.H.

In 1980, Mr. Minahan became a stockbroker, taking a position at E.F. Hutton's Burlington office. He then worked for Prudential Securities before joining PaineWebber.

Born and educated in Wakefield, he graduated from Wakefield High School in 1967 and Providence (R.I.) College in 1971. He then enlisted in the Army and served with the Military Police in South Vietnam for one year.

In recent years, he was a volunteer and fund-raiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, where he was a member of the board of directors and had just completed a term as treasurer.

A member of St. Augustine's Parish, he served as a teacher of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for the last two years.

An avid skier, Mr. Minahan was past president of the ski team at Bretton Woods resort in New Hampshire, where he also taught children to ski.

Members of his family include his wife Madeline (Stinebiser) Minahan; daughter, Kathleen; sons, John Jr. and James, all of Andover; brother, Alfred A. Jr. of Wakefield; and nine nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 20 Walnut St., Suite 318, Wellesley, MA 02481.

### Helen T. Boguszewski Had 25 great-grandchildren

Helen T. (Dembkoski) (Zielinski) Boguszewski, 86, of Andover, died Sunday, March 11 at Kenoza Manor Nursing Home in Haverhill.

Mrs. Boguszewski retired from Lawrence Maid Footwear.

She was born in Chelsea and was a member of St. Augustine Church.

She was the widow of Benney A. Boguszewski.

Members of her family include sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Lena Zielinski of Andover, and Richard and Judy Zielinski Wesley of Maine; brothers, Roman Dembkoski of Revere and Walter Dembkoski of Methuen; sisters, Adella Marotte of Salem, N.H., and Henrietta Robideux of Lawrence; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was also mother of the late Julia Brennan of Lawrence.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

A Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, March 15 at 1 p.m. at St. Augustine Church.

Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

### Ruth H. Seavey Was raised and educated in Andover

Ruth H. (Bradshaw) Seavey, 76, died Sunday, March 11 at the Prescott House in North Andover.

Born in Lawrence, she was raised and educated in Andover. She lived in Andover for several years.

She was a member of Andover Baptist Church and a member of the church's Friendly Circle.

Members of her family include her brother, Robert H. Bradshaw of Andover; sisters, Doris M. Terry of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Frances Smith of Burlington; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Charles Dewhurst, Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elevator Fund of Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Andover, 01810.

### Harriett Lyman Worked as office manager

Harriett (Hyman) Lyman, 70, formerly of Andover, died Friday, March 9 at her home on Hilton Head, S.C.

## OBITUARIES

Helen T. Boguszewski, 86  
Aline M. Couture, 57  
Angelina J. Croteau, 74  
Elizabeth Danielian, 88  
Mildred C. DeLuca, 89  
Joseph A. DiBenedetto, 91  
Harriett Lyman, 70  
John J. Minahan, 51  
Rosilino Polizzotti, 95  
James A. Russo, 63  
Ruth H. Seavey, 76

### Deaths Elsewhere

**COUTURE** - Aline M. Couture, 57, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Thursday, Feb. 22 at Royal Palm Care Home. Ms. Couture worked at Raytheon Co. in Andover before moving to Arizona.

**CROTEAU** - Angelina J. (Napolitano) Croteau, 74, formerly of Methuen, died Tuesday, Feb. 27 at East Pasco Medical Center in Zephyrhills, Fla.

Mrs. Croteau retired from Raytheon Corp. of Andover in 1983. She was president of Raytheon Women's Club and other company organizations.

A memorial Mass will be said May 26 at 4 p.m. in St. Monica Church, Methuen.

**DANIELIAN** - Elizabeth (Krikorian) Danielian, 88, of Methuen, died Thursday, March 8 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Viola and Jack Berberian of Andover.

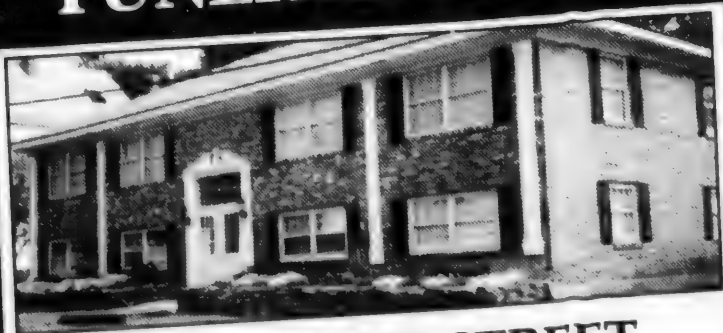
**DIBENEDETTO** - Joseph A. DiBenedetto, 91, of Rindge, N.H., died Wednesday, March 7 at Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, N.H.

Mr. DiBenedetto was a longtime employee of Tyer Rubber Co. in Andover.

**POLIZZOTTI** - Rosilino "Rossi" Polizzotti, 95, of Lawrence, died Friday, March 9 at MI Nursing/Restorative Center.

Mr. Polizzotti retired from Raytheon Corp.

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# OBITUARIES

## Harriett Lyman

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Born in Arlington, and educated in Malden, Mrs. Lyman was also educated at Juilliard School of Music.

She worked as an office manager for a catering and function company.

Mrs. Lyman was a member of Temple Emanuel sisterhood in Andover, Temple Beth Shalom sisterhood and Hadassah. She volunteered as a teacher's aide in Vero Beach, Fla., when she lived there.

Members of her family include her husband of 51 years, Stanley Lyman; son, Jeffrey Lyman; daughters, Caron

Lyman and Lynne Hayman; brother, Jack Hayman; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Palmetto Hospice, Box 1857, Bluffton, SC 29910; or to N.I.H. Children's Inn, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

## James A. Russo

### Retired senior engineer

James A. Russo, 63, of Andover and formerly of Haverhill and Quincy, died Saturday, March 10 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Boston, Mr. Russo graduated from Northeastern University. He worked for New England Telephone, Bell Labs, Western Electric and AT&T for 34 years, retiring as a senior engi-

neer in 1989.

Mr. Russo was a member of the Lucent Engineering Excellence Society of the Merrimack Valley, Quincy/North Quincy High School Football Hall of Fame, Telephone Pioneers of America, Knights of Columbus 4027 of Methuen, and Sons of Italy Lodge 902 of Lawrence.

Members of his family include his wife of 46 years, Mary M. (Kelly) Russo; sons, Patrick J. and wife Shelly Russo of Buena Park, Calif., Michael A. and wife Maryterese Russo of West Lebanon, Maine, and Daniel J. Russo of Los Gatos, Calif.; sisters, Alice Massias of Scituate and Paula McKeever of Lynnfield; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

## Mildred C. DeLucca

### Member of St. Augustine's

Mildred C. (Corkum) DeLucca, 89, died Thursday, March 8 at Wingate at Andover.

She was born in Methuen. She was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Anthony D'Agati of Andover; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Hospital Cancer Management Center, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.

# NEWS FOR SENIORS

**Men's Breakfast:** The monthly men's breakfast will take place tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. We will enjoy the presentation "Penguin Primer," a PowerPoint program and lecture with Heather Urquhart. Urquhart, a director at the New England Aquarium, is an authority in researching penguins and their habitats. Please call the center if you would like to make a reservation (\$3) to attend.

**Flower Arranging Workshop:** Celebrate the arrival of spring with a flower arranging workshop on Monday, March 19 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 which includes instruction, all flowers and materials, oasis and tools. Bring your own small to medium size container. Advance sign-up is necessary so that we can plan appropriately.

**Fix-It Shop:** The next fix-it shop will take place on Tuesday, March 20 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be on hand to take a look at whatever items are in need of repair.

**Hearing Screening:** Northeast Rehabilitation Health Net-

work will sponsor a free hearing screening at the senior center on Wednesday, March 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. by appointment only. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, it is necessary to call the center to schedule a time.

**Creative Cooking Group:** Our creative cooking group will get together on Wednesday, March 21 at 9 a.m. This month's featured cuisine will be Asian dishes. Cost of the class, which includes lunch, is \$6. Class size is limited and pre-registration is necessary, so give us a call if you'd like to try out this fun group.

**Senior Center Trip:** The center will sponsor a trip to Parker's Maple Sugar Barn on Friday, March 30. Cost of the trip is \$25 which includes a tour of the sugar house to watch the maple sugaring process; a complete breakfast or lunch, and bus transportation. Sign up quickly if you don't want to be left out.

**Friday Forum:** On Friday, March 23, at 9:30 a.m. the center will host a forum on nursing

home issues. Sponsored by the Coalition of Organizations To Reform Elder Care, this community forum will include an update on a new legislative initiative; proposals for quality care in nursing homes, and sharing of participants' concerns. Pre-registration would be appreciated.

**Tax Preparation:** Volunteers are on hand at the senior center to assist with the preparation of simplified tax forms. Appointments may be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Please call the center if you would like to arrange a time.

**Supper Club:** This month we will gather together at the China Blossom restaurant on Wednesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy their all you can eat buffet. Please stop into the center to make a reservation if you would like to join us. Everyone is welcome.

**Brown Bag Lecture:** On Wednesday, March 28 we will welcome Julie Bernsen from the Addison Gallery, who will

present a slide show and lecture on "Famous Women In American Art." Cost is \$2, and reservations are required because of seating constraints. Bring a bag lunch and join us for this program as we celebrate "Women In History Month."

**Movie Matinee:** On Monday, March 26 at 1 p.m. we will watch the recent release *The Kid*. Bruce Willis plays a man on the fast track who meets up with himself as an 8-year-old in this engaging family comedy with a message.

**Parkinson's Support Group:** The next meeting of the Parkinson's support group will take place on Monday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m. Anyone with an interest in Parkinson's is welcome to attend, or call Rachel Zalvan at the center for further information.

**Get Acquainted Coffee:** If you'd like more information about spring happenings at the senior center we invite you to drop in on Tuesday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m. for a get acquainted coffee. Information of classes,

services, programs, trips and activities will be available.

**Merrimack Repertory Discussion and Play:** On Thursday, April 5 at 2 p.m., Michael Gepner from the Merrimack Repertory Theater will lead a discussion on the upcoming play, *Visiting Mr. Green*. This is a delightful and touching play about two generations finding each other at the turn of the century. Copies of the play are available at the center. We also have great seats for the May 3rd matinee, which are on sale at the center at a cost of \$17.

**Spring Craft and Bake Sale:** The center's craft group will hold their spring sale on Friday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will feature spring decorations, seasonal crafts, Easter plants, and baked goods. Please help us by spreading the word and dropping by to browse. We appreciate your support.

**Needed:** We are looking for donations of baked goods for the April 6 fair as well as bags of Hershey's kisses. Please let us know if you can help.

# SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

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in dignity in their new homes."

For more information about Quota International of Andover, contact President Linda Hentschel at 664-3486. For more information about the OASIS or the YWCA's Domestic Violence Program, contact Ellen Ferland at 687-0331, Ext. 13.

## AHS Band wants bottles

The Andover High School Marching Band will hold their

annual bottle drive on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of West Middle School. Aluminum cans, glass, and plastics will be collected.

If you are unable to drop off your items, call Gloria Davis at 475-8489 for a pick-up.

## Blood drive March 22

The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood donors in the Andover area to give blood for the Charlie Sheehan Memorial Blood Drive on

Thursday, March 22, when the bloodmobile comes to St. Robert's Church Hall, 198 Haggetts Pond Road. Donor hours are 2 to 8 p.m.

Most people can give blood through the American Red Cross. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds. In most cases, donors may give if they are on medication but should know the names of these medications.

## Archaeology meeting

The Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society and the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeol-

ogy of Phillips Academy will co-sponsor a meeting Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Robert S. Peabody Museum, Main Street. The program, "Nineteenth Century Privies in Portsmouth, New Hampshire: How to Approach Them and What We Can Learn from their Excavation," is open to the public free of charge.

The speaker, Dr. Kathleen Wheeler, is the director and principal archaeologist of Independent Archaeological Consulting, Portsmouth, N.H., a firm specializing in historic archaeology. She has authored or co-authored more than 75 technical reports, articles and presentations, including recent

publication will appear in the upcoming volume of the *Northeast Historical Archaeology Journal*.

The Massachusetts Archaeology Society - Northeast Chapter, meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through June. Membership to the Massachusetts Archaeology Society and the Northeast Chapter is open to all those who are interested in furthering their study of archaeology and Native American cultural history.

For additional information concerning monthly programs or chapter membership, call the Museum at 749-4490.



# Business

## Business briefs...

### Wild Harvest day: Food for cats and dogs

Next Thursday, March 22, Wild Oats in Andover is holding a "5<sup>th</sup> Day" to benefit North Shore Feline Rescue, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to helping homeless cats and kittens.

Five percent of the day's net sales will be donated to NSFR to help them provide medical care, food and shelter for rescued animals.

### Recruiting online

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association will present "Internet Recruiting" today, Thursday, March 15, from 8:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., 475-1623. The costs: \$15 for members, \$30 for non-chamber members.

### Asoian elected to firm's board of directors

Richard G. Asoian of Andover has been elected to the board of directors at the law firm of Devine, Millimet & Branch.



Richard Asoian

Asoian, located at the firm's Andover office, is a member of the corporate department where he concentrates his legal practice in the areas of estate planning, corporate law, and mergers and acquisitions. He earned a bachelor's degree from Monmouth College and his law degree from Boston University. Asoian is actively involved in the Greater Andover community and serves on the board of trustees for the Greater Lawrence YMCA and the board of directors for both the Lanam Club and the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club. He is past president and current member of the Merrimack Valley Business and Estate Planning Council and a member of the state's bar association.

### Info on health careers

Health careers are the focus at Northern Essex Community College's open house on Wednesday, March 21 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Information about careers in dental assisting, dialysis patient care, license practical nursing, medical assisting, radiologic technology, respiratory care or registered nursing will be available. NECC has degree and certificate programs in these fields.

The open house will be held at the Lawrence campus, 45 Franklin St. For information, call the admissions office at (978) 738-7408.

## 'Light' fare: Lantern Brunch nears 25 years

By Rebecca Piro

Flipping omelettes and refilling coffee cups is a way of life at the Lantern Brunch for owners Priscilla and George Dukas. As of April 1, they will have served breakfast and lunch for 25 years straight — and their customers hope they keep on counting.

"If I'm eating in Andover, I'm eating in here," says Yale Road resident Charlie Galley, of the tiny diner tucked away in Olde Andover Village. "I come in for breakfast and I stay through lunch," laughs Gail Mitchell, a Lowell resident who works in Andover at an insurance company.

While Priscilla Dukas never imagined that business would last this long, the customers just keep on coming. Galley, for example, travels every day from his Methuen business for a two-and-a-half-hour lunch break — just enough time to catch up with the regulars and joke with the waitstaff. "I've been here all the years that George (Dukas) has been here," he says.

Behind the counter, preparations for the daily rush start at 5:30 a.m. George Dukas makes a trip to the grocery store for fresh ingredients; silver dessert dishes get stacked almost as high as the porcelain coffee cups; and the pastry displays are filled with treats. Everything on the menu is made from scratch.

"You'll never see the Sysco (food services) truck parked out here," Priscilla Dukas jokes.

For John O'Neil, the "best cheese omelettes" are among the reasons he travels from Bradford to dine in Andover. He often leaves room for dessert. "They've got good custards — rice pudding and custard pudding," he says.

Except for the prices, which regulars agree are reasonable, Priscilla Dukas says not much has changed in the years she and her husband have operated the diner.

"We (serve) all the town workers, the attorneys, the accountants, and some celebrities," says Priscilla Dukas. She recalls when *Tonight Show* comedian and Andover native Jay Leno frequented the diner years ago, as did John F. Kennedy Jr. when he attended Phillips Academy.



Photos by Tim Jean

Order up — Lantern Brunch owner George Dukas is ready to serve a hamburger club prepared by short-order cook Cheryl Charland.

"It's a very interesting group of people that comes in here — both blue collar and white collar," says Galley. "Everyone gets along."

"When I first went in there I felt like a total stranger," says Lockway Road resident Bill Buck, a frequent customer at the Lantern Brunch for 10 years. "Now I walk in there and it's 'Hey, how are you doing?'"

If one of the regulars doesn't make an appearance for a while, someone else is sure to check up on that person, Galley says. If it turns out that the person is sick, a get-well card goes around the diner to inscribe all the well-wishers' thoughts. "It's a special relationship," he says.

Pretty much any topic is game among the regulars, says Priscilla Dukas, but the snippets of conversation floating through the room often involve town politics.

"You can come in, sit down, and get someone like Jim Doherty who's in here every day and get the local news," says Galley. "The hearsay in here is good hearsay."

"It's a good place to go," says Buck. "It can be a little bit of town gossip, and stories that are on everyone's mind. You just don't find places like that anymore."

George Dukas says that he is



Maureen Kolifrath pours a cup of joe.

indebted to the customers that make his business an enjoyable one. "I want to thank everyone who supported me in good times and bad, without whom I couldn't have made it," he says.

## Health board lays down the law on tattoos

By Adam Groff

The Board of Health Monday night unanimously approved a set of regulations governing tattooing and other forms of body art in Andover.

"I think the board was convinced that this accomplished our goal of ensuring

that if this is done in the community, it's in a healthy and safe manner," said Everett Penney, health director.

The meeting was designed to be a public hearing, but there were no objections to the regulations from the public,

according to Penney.

Although in the wake of a state Supreme Court ruling last year, the town may not ban the practice of body art, the regulations approved this week mandate, among other things, that practitioners pass a basic course in anatomy and physiology,

and the regulations prohibit certain body-art procedures, such as tongue or genital piercing, unless they are performed by a medical doctor. This restriction in Andover's regulation is a modification of the model state regulations that they otherwise largely mimic.



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# LETTERS

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reflect on the changes that have taken place in the 15 years since my family and I moved to Andover. Later, while considering the future, I wondered if we were doing enough to protect Andover's "history and classic New England charm." When I asked myself, will we see the same developmental sprawl that is now common in neighboring towns, I was concerned.

As a West Andover resident I have observed the progressive impact of unchecked sprawl on Route 133 near the Tewksbury line. I am beginning to see traffic problems developing, and challenges to residential quality of life, and I see the loss of the rural beauty which once graced our neighborhoods.

Now, a developer has proposed an apartment complex of 152 units on 9.2 acres of land and delineated wetlands. His River Road site, at the Monastery of St. Clare, is one of those rare places in Andover which can legitimately be called a place of peace, medita-

tion, and tranquility. Across the street, the Franciscan Center offers religious retreats and quiet days. Next to it, and apparently for sale, is the Christian Formation Center. Nearby flows the Merrimack River, and, along its shoreline, winds the rustic wooded beauty of the St. Francis Trail.

These tranquil places are under siege from corporate real-estate barons. Non-resident developers are shamelessly grabbing the peace from the Poor Clares and Franciscan monks who give it so freely. How sickening is the developers' ruse that they are giving us affordable housing. How disingenuously transparent! Their plan is simple: build, make a profit; sell, make a profit; repeat.

Andover's leaders have done much to improve the quality of life for its citizenry. Andover must be alert to the threat of developmental sprawl and the neighborhood pollution it spawns. As citizens we must actively support Andover's

leaders in encouraging the good ideas, while insisting on rejection of the bad.

Richard F. Edmonds  
133 Bailey Road

## Pregnant inmates need service

Editor, *Townsman*:

I am writing in strong support of H3972: An Act Relative to Pregnant and Postpartum Inmates in State Prisons, County Houses of Correction and Jails. Women are the fastest growing population in the criminal justice system in Massachusetts, as well as the entire country. At any given time there are 450 women at MCI Framingham; 18 are pregnant and about as many are postpartum. (1,000 women are sentenced to MCI Framingham each year and 150-180 are pregnant.) Presently these inmates are lacking maternity clothes, special diets, lighter work assignments, and parental education classes. Most of these women have never had prenatal services. There needs to be a greater availability of staff and

resources to deal with deliveries, miscarriages, false labors, premature births and post-natal care services.

Although pregnancy services at MCI Framingham are mandated, in accordance with the MacDonald agreement (1992), there is no oversight to assure that such services are delivered and that they meet standards for adequacy, health, safety and continuity. Legislation would remedy these problems by assuring the safest possible environment and a continuum of medical, health, mental health, and social services for pregnant and postpartum inmates and their infants.

The joint committee on public safety will hear H3972 on Thursday, March 15, at 10 a.m. in Room A2. It would go a long way to have residents' support for this bill.

Amy Driscoll  
Colonial Drive

## Storm musings

Editor, *Townsman*:

(This letter was submitted during last week's storm.)

Here we are in the midst of a

Nor'easter, being strongly reminded that we live in a world of natural forces, adjusting to rhythms choreographed by Mother Nature, sacrificing the rites of routine and work in honor of terrestrial powers that guide us to renew a relationship with the essence of our Earth. How wonderful to watch the trees dance in sublime reverence to the snow winds conjured by Father Winter. A moment's glance at the shuttled snowflakes reveals a capricious artistry that dazzles and mesmerizes. Who wields such impassioned brushstrokes from the palette of air and ice? Although March may bring wishes of spring's tidings of sun and color, winter has remained to open a portal to recover a forsaken portion of our humanity, to understand we are all citizens of Planet Earth, and all our mundane pursuits of survival require periodic stays so we can create momentary altars for reflection and prayer.

How fortunate we are to experience this storm and emerge tested and stronger.

Cherish the gift of Life.

Bill Kolbe  
133 Argilla Road

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# Sports

## Girls fall once more to their old nemesis

By Rick Harrison

The third time was definitely not the charm for the Andover High girls varsity basketball team.

The Lady Warriors got a desired rematch with undefeated Division 1 North Tournament top seed Somerville in the title game, but once again the Highlanders proved too tough as they ended Andover's season with a 62-41 victory at Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

This was the third time in the last two years the powers have collided, and Somerville is 3-0 with earlier 57-47 and 55-49 wins.

This was also the third time in the last five years AHS has played in the Division 1 North final.

In 1997-'98 the locals beat Methuen 61-46 to win the North title, bested Norwood 47-41 in the state semifinals and lost to Minnechaug Regional, 55-40, in the program's first-ever state championship game.

In 1996-'97 Andover beat Methuen 52-38 for the North crown, and then lost to Braintree 55-38 in the state semifinals despite a 27-point explosion by Charlotte Muller.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Another outstanding Andover High girls basketball season came to a close three wins shy of a state Division 1 title.

Had there been no Somerville the Lady Warriors might have gone the distance, but there is no denying the Highlanders have the locals' number.

The 21-point difference in the 62-41 North title game loss is the third largest in coach Jim Tildsley's six-year tenure.

In 1995-'96 Haverhill posted a 74-37 regular season win, and later the same season Methuen bounced AHS from the tourney in the first round by a 65-42 count.

The Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champs finished 21-3 overall this winter.

AHS has won 31 of its last 35 games, including tournament play, dating back to the middle of last season.

This is the fourth time in the last six years Andover has won 20 or more games, and Tildsley now sports a sensational 118-20 overall won-lost record at AHS.

### Scoring leaders

Jenny Muller finished team high with 374 points (15.6 average) in 24 games. Lisa Tisbert had 280 points, Megan Pinksten 256, Ashley McLaughlin 181 and Shannon Sweeney 134 to round out the leaders.

Tisbert completed her AHS career with 686 points, while Muller heads into next season with 685.

### Three seniors

The Lady Warriors will surely be a team to be reckoned with once again next winter.

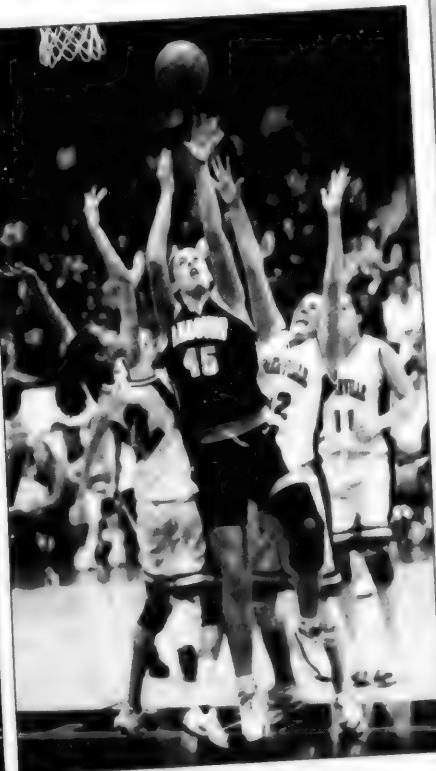
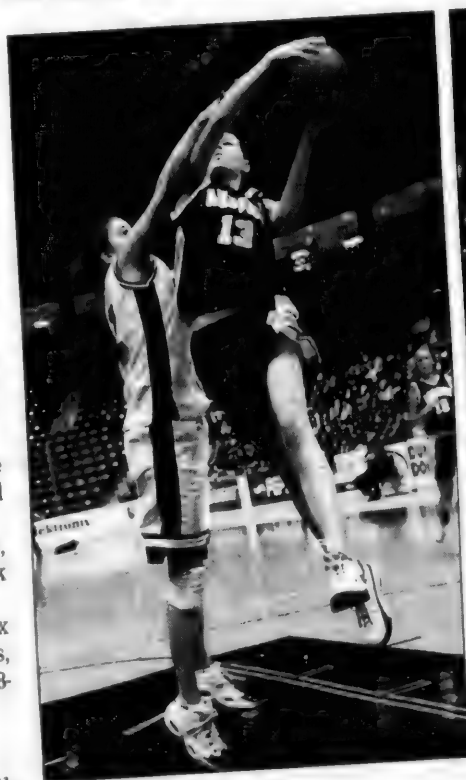
The locals graduate three seniors — starter Lisa Tisbert, Shawna Foley and Karen Whelan.

Nine others, including four of the five starters and the first two players off the bench in most games, are eligible to return.



Photos by Tim Jean

The season is over for Coach Jim Tildsley and the Lady Warriors after they once again ran into the brick wall of opposition known as the Somerville Highlanders. Had Andover High gotten past Somerville, Ashley McLaughlin (below left), Meagan Pinksten (below right), and the rest of the Warriors could've had an easy time the rest of the way.



### MIAA TOURNAMENT DIVISION 1 NORTH SEMIFINAL ROUND Andover 58 Woburn 48

No one expects it to be easy when you get this far.

Woburn threw a scare into the Lady Warriors, battling back from an early nine-point deficit (15-6) to tie the game 29-29 at half.

The upstart Tanners scored the first four points of the second half to take a 33-29 lead, and traded hoops with the locals until it was 41-39 with 8:30 to play.

"They were much better than I expected," said coach Tildsley. "When it got to 41-39 we switched to a 1-1-3 zone because we had several players in foul trouble."

"It turned out to be a very effective defense. They only scored seven points the rest of the game and we held their big scorer (Vanessa) Melanson to no field goals and four free throws down the stretch."

Andover's closing 19-7 run was enough to oust the tourney's stubborn No. 3 seed.

The early 15-6 AHS lead came against Woburn's man-to-man defense, but then talented guard Melanson got hot late in the opening half and several Lady Warriors had difficulty when they tried to cover her.

"Megan Pinksten had four fouls and Lisa Tisbert had three in the second half," said Tildsley. "Samantha Hughes came off the bench and did an excellent job at a

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### ANDOVER SCORING

BOYS BASKETBALL  
(22 games)  
FINAL

	FG	FT	Pts.
Chris Vetrano	129	99	416
Bruno Zanotti	119	74	324
Kevin Shepard	91	66	273
Geordie Miliotis	46	27	119
Chris Caverly	46	15	107
Pat Stockwood	31	27	93
Andy Carter	12	8	32
Chris Brouillard	4	2	10
Mike Byrne	3	2	8
Anthony Silva	3	0	6
Matt Withington	2	0	4

3-pointers: Chris Vetrano 59; Kevin Shepard 25; Bruno Zanotti 12; Pat Stockwood 4.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL (24 games) FINAL

	FG	FT	Pts.
Jenny Muller	142	68	374
Lisa Tisbert	98	45	280
Megan Pinksten	113	30	256
Ashley McLaughlin	72	29	181
Shannon Sweeney	58	18	134
Samantha Hughes	20	17	57
Merry Fish	13	6	38
Katie Kramer	16	3	35
Shawna Foley	10	4	24
Kelly McLaughlin	10	2	22
Karen Whelan	4	1	9
Alice Anestis	3	0	6

3-pointers: Lisa Tisbert 39; Jenny Muller 22; Ashley McLaughlin 8; Merry Fish 6.

### ICE HOCKEY (21 games) FINAL

	G	A	Pts.
Dennis Moran	18	17	35
Steve Johnson	11	11	22
Mike Corey	9	12	21
Jon Ofria	4	15	19
Peter Burbank	5	12	17
John Stearns	11	5	16
Tim LeGrow	4	10	14
George Lewis	2	5	7
Jeff Vallera	4	1	5
Chris Cataldo	0	6	5
Dustin Shea	2	2	4
Brendan Gleason	1	3	4
Mike Anderson	0	3	3
Justin Leider	1	1	2
John Ronan	1	1	2

Shutouts: Mike Thompson & Brian Kaminski 1.



# AHS ROUNDUP

(Continued from page 35)

crucial time. She rebounded well and gave us six very good minutes."

Tisbert buried a clutch three-pointer to give Andover the lead for good, and the captain also nailed several big free throws in the closing minutes to keep Woburn at bay.

Jenny Muller led an attack which featured only four scorers, netting 19 points, while rapidly-improving freshman Ashley McLaughlin pumped through 16 points, Tisbert finished with 15 and Pinksten had eight.

McLaughlin also logged 10 rebounds, four steals, three assists and three blocked shots.

Tisbert added seven rebounds and five steals, Muller four steals and three assists, Katie Kramer five assists, two steals and Hughes four boards, one steal.

AHS converted 14 of 21 free throws.

Vanessa Melanson was game-high scorer for Woburn with 25 points and sister Lee Melanson had 10.

The Tanners finished the season 18-4.

**MIAA TOURNAMENT**  
DIVISION 1 NORTH  
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME  
Somerville 62  
Andover 41

The champs erased a 17-16 deficit with a pivotal 16-3 run over the final 5:36 of the first half, and Andover never recovered as Somerville slowly widened the lead after the break.

This time around five AHS players were able to crack the scoring column, led by Jenny Muller with 16 points and Megan Pinksten 12.

Ashley McLaughlin tossed in six points, Lisa Tisbert five and Katie Kramer added a basket.

Junior Joelle Martin was game-high for Somerville with 24 points, seven of them in the burst at the end of the first half.

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High girls gymnastics season came to a successful close

with two more strong performances at the Massachusetts All-State Individual Championship Meet held at Lincoln-Sudbury High.

As they have in virtually every dual and championship meet the past two years, juniors Kristin Elsmore and Becky Hass shone for the Lady Warriors.

Elsmore was fourth in the all-around competition with a 35.625 score and Hass was eighth at 34.925.

Sheri Bernstein also competed on balance beam and uneven bars and Renee Fung on bars.



Photos by Ronald C. Kearns

Clockwise, from top left, are Kristin Elsmore, Becky Hass, and Sheri Bernstein on the beam at the Massachusetts All-State Individual Championship Meet at Lincoln-Sudbury High.



## BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Junior Justin Crocker, senior Steve Graham and freshman Sean Geary were the Andover High swimmers selected for the 2000-'01 Merrimack Valley All-Conference team.

Earning MVC All-Star status were senior Luke Moskal, sophomore Colin Callahan and freshmen Nick Saunders and Paul D'Ambrosio.

## INDOOR TRACK

Senior shot putter Ogechi Ibe and versatile senior hurdler/high jumper/long jumper Sheena Patel were Andover High girls named to the 2000-'01 Merrimack Valley All-Conference team.

On the boys side, senior distance standout Tim Galebach was the lone AHS All-Conference selection.

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Junior League (13 year olds) 12 noon to 4 pm

Senior League (14-16 year olds) 8 am to 12 noon

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Junior League (13 year olds) 8 am to 12 noon

Senior League (14-16 year olds) 12 noon to 4 pm

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWNS OF TIMES BASED ON YOUR LAST NAME:**

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

A - L

12 noon - 2 pm on March 18  
8 am - 10 am on March 25

M - Z

2 pm - 4 pm on March 18  
10 am - 12 noon on March 25

### SENIOR LEAGUE

14 year olds - Whos last names begin with:

A - H

8 am - 9 am on March 18  
12 noon - 1 pm on March 25

I - R

9 am - 10 am on March 18  
1 pm - 2 pm on March 25

S - Z

10 am - 11 am on March 18  
2 pm - 3 pm on March 25

All 15 & 16 Year Olds: 11 am - 12 noon on March 18  
3 pm - 4 pm on March 25



Photo by Tim Jean

Player of the Fortnight winners during the 2000-01 season, sponsored by Baystate Financial Services, are (from left): Mike Byrne, Andy Carter, Geordie Miliotis, Chris Caverly, Kevin Shepard; back row, from left, girls coach Jim Tildsley, Shannon Sweeney, Megan Pinksten, Ron Hill (Baystate), Lisa Tisbert, Katie Kramer, Jenny Muller, and boys coach Dave Fazio.



# Locals power Rollins baseball

By Rick Harrison

Two Andover athletes are lighting it up for NCAA Division 2 college baseball power Rollins College this season.

Senior pitcher/rightfielder Mark O'Sullivan and sophomore leftfielder/catcher Ryan Hanigan are among the leaders in many statistical categories through the Tars' first 26 games.

Both were All-Conference and All-Scholastic baseball players at Andover High, and the pair also helped the Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball team to several league titles and state tournament appearances.

Nationally-ranked Rollins, which entered this week with an excellent 20-6 overall record, recently hosted the Cincinnati Reds for an exhibition game at the Tars' field in Winter Park, Fla.

Cincinnati, in the midst of spring training in Florida, played Rollins on an off-day much the same as the Red Sox play Boston College each year at this time.

The game, which sold out a month in advance, attracted a capacity crowd of 5,000 fans and was won by Cincinnati, 3-1.

Among the Reds who played part or all of the game were Ken Griffey, Jr., Barry Larkin and Deion Sanders.

O'Sullivan, the No. 2 pitcher in the Tars' starting rotation, worked the middle four innings and allowed the Reds just one earned run.

Although Griffey and Larkin had left the game by the time O'Sullivan went in, he did face Sanders and struck him out.

Rollins managed only three hits in the game and one was a single to left-center by Hanigan.

Hanigan was also robbed of another hit in the ninth inning by former Red Sox infielder Donny Sadler, who made a diving catch of his line drive at second base.

O'Sullivan, 5-0 on the mound during the regular season, followed his appearance against the Reds with 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  innings of 10-strikeout ball in a win over Virginia Tech late last week.

The strong 6'3", 200-pound pitcher has a 3.98 ERA and leads the Rollins' staff in strikeouts with 42.

He also plays right field on occasion and has 16 at-bats in four games at that position.

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Hanigan, a solid 5'11", 185-pounder, has started all 26 Rollins' games and is batting a hefty .408 with 40 hits in 98 at-bats.

He has scored 20 runs and is the team leader in RBI (27), doubles (12) and walks (14).

Hanigan plays the majority of games in left field but has also started 10 games at catcher.

Next spring, when Tars' senior catcher Keith Davidson graduates, Hanigan will move to the No. 1 spot behind the plate.

Hanigan is also penciled in as the starting catcher for the Mill City All-Americans this summer. Mill City is the Lowell entry in the New England Collegiate Baseball League and plays a 40-game schedule against other teams from New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island comprised of college underclassmen.

O'Sullivan will be eligible for the major league draft this year.

"Marco has generated a tremendous amount of interest among the pro scouts," said Andover Legion coach Joe Iarrobino. "He consistently throws his fastball in the mid-90's and he should get serious consideration (in the next draft)."

Iarrobino is a Rollins alum and has helped steer several other talented Andover players to the school, including earlier Tars' standouts Justin Hesenius, Jim Hanning and his own son Joe Iarrobino, Jr.

The head coach at Rollins is former Andover resident and Central Catholic baseball standout Bob Rikeman.



## Big performance from Ellis

Brown University senior Peter Ellis of Andover placed an impressive third in the recent Ivy League Heptagonal Championship Pentathlon at Harvard University's Gordon Cage.

The grueling six-hour competition traditionally culminates the collegiate indoor season.

The versatile Ellis, a former Massachusetts high school decathlon champ at Andover High, set a personal record of 6'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the high jump to highlight his performance.

He also ran the 60-meter high hurdles in 8.42 seconds, soared 21'5" in the long jump, threw the shot put 32'5", ran the 1000 meters in 2:46 and finished the five-event competition with 3,649 points.

Ellis is among select team members from Brown who will travel to Florida next week (March 22) for outdoor season training and to compete in the annual Florida Relays March 28-31 in Gainesville.

The Bruins' outdoor track season opens Saturday, April 7 at Brown in Providence, R.I. against teams from Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England.

◀ Peter Ellis clears personal record of 6'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the high jump.

## ANDOVER LITTLE LEAGUE



**PLACE:** Phillips Academy Field House "Cage"

**TIMES and DATES:**

**NATIONAL LEAGUE (South and Bancroft School Districts)**

**Date of Birth:**

From	To	Age
Aug. 1, 1990	July 31, 1991	10
Aug. 1, 1989	July 31, 1990	11
Aug. 1, 1988	July 31, 1989	12

**Saturday, March 17**

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.
11:15 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

**Saturday, March 24**

12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M.
2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.
3:15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE (West and Sanborn School Districts)**

**Date of Birth:**

From	To	Age
Aug. 1, 1990	July 31, 1991	10
Aug. 1, 1989	July 31, 1990	11
Aug. 1, 1988	July 31, 1989	12

**Saturday, March 17**

12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M.
2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.
3:15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**Saturday, March 24**

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.
11:15 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

**PLEASE NOTE:** With the addition of two new major league teams, there are more openings available for major league players. If you would like to tryout but have not signed up, please call Peter Malaguti at 475-0808. **LATE REGISTRATIONS WELCOME.**

### WHO SHOULD COME:

Only players age 10 through 12 who want to be considered for selection by a major league team. Players should bring a glove and baseball cap and be present at the tryout ten minutes before starting time for check in. Major League managers will conduct fielding and batting practice. Please be on time. **IMPORTANT:** Only players with sneakers will be allowed to participate because of the special indoor surface. Players should attend both sessions to allow fair evaluation by managers, but must attend one session to be considered for the draft.

### WHO SHOULD NOT COME:

- PLAYERS WHO WERE ON A MAJOR LEAGUE TEAM LAST YEAR
- PLAYERS WHO WANT TO PLAY ON A MINOR LEAGUE TEAM.
- 1. MINORS: Available to all 10-12 year olds not selected for a major league team.
- 2. ALL 9 YEAR OLDS: 9 Year olds will automatically be assigned to the Instructional League. 9 year olds will NOT be assigned to Major or Minor League teams.
- 3. ALL 8 YEAR OLDS: 8 year olds will automatically be assigned to the Beginners League. 8 year olds will NOT be assigned to Major or Minor League teams.

**NOTE:** Only players trying out will be allowed in the field house. This is because there is very little room to safely stand and observe. Therefore do not bring other children to the tryouts.

### ANDOVER TOWNSMAN DEADLINES

SCHOOLS pages: Friday @ 5 p.m.

EVENTS CALENDAR: Monday @ noon

Other news: Monday @ 5 p.m.



## LOCAL ATHLETES

The Andover High School Hockey Cheerleaders participated in a competition at Peabody High School on March 4. There were 18 squads from all over Massachusetts in the event, which was the first hockey cheer competition in AHS history, said **Beth Dufton**, AHS hockey cheer-leading coach.

"We were the third squad to perform. After all squads had their chance to perform, we all waited to find out the final results. Andover High Hockey Cheerleaders took second place," Dufton said.

The girls practiced daily for the seven days before the meet. Their routine lasted 2 minutes and 30 seconds.

On March 7, Pingree School honored its athletes at the Winter 2001 Athletic Awards at the Mary Weld Center for the Performing Arts in South Hamilton. The following students from Andover were honored:

Sophomore **Carrie Cronin** was a first-time varsity letter winner for the girls varsity ice hockey team.

Junior **Dana Swartz** was a

first-time varsity letter winner for volleyball.

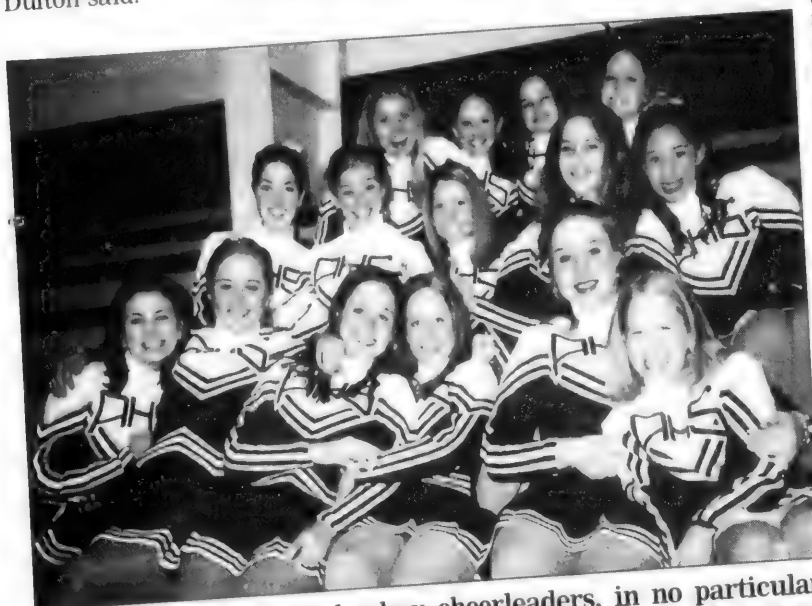
Junior **Mike Blinn** received the Most Valuable Player award on the boys JV ice hockey team.

**Jimmy Campbell** took home two top-10 finishes at

the New Hampshire State Ski Racing Championships held at Mt. Cranmore on March 3 and 4. Campbell placed 7th overall in the giant slalom and 10th overall in the slalom among the 120 racers in his age group who qualified to participate in the events.

Campbell races out of the Mt. Sunapee Ski Club, and he qualified for the State Championships after winning the slalom qualifier at Sunapee on Feb. 26.

He is a fifth-grade student at the Pike School in Andover.



The Andover High ice hockey cheerleaders, in no particular order, are: Marisa Feola, co-captain; Alia Mohammed, co-captain; Jessica Taylor, Rachel Charron, Crystal Bates, Lindsay Rosen, Katie Stewart, Danielle Ganek, Catherine Kaczynski, Melissa Cerullo, Stephanie Hargadon, Sarah Percival, and Ashley Perkins. At lower right is "team mascot" Kayla Dufton.

### MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 20 Keystone Way  
Andover, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lin Ming Chen and Suchu Lai Chen to BayBanks Mortgage Corp. dated August 6, 1993 and recorded with Essex County (North District) Registry of Deeds in Book 3800, Page 284, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the 11th day of April, 2001, A.D. at 1:00 P.M. at or upon the mortgage premises, 20 Keystone Way, Andover, Massachusetts, as described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

The land in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts being known as Lot #9, on a plan of land entitled, "Definitive Plan of Hearthstone Village, Subdivision Plan of Land in Andover, Mass., of Keystone Way." Scale 1" = 40', Date: March 14, 1987. Sheets 4 & 5 of 15. Said plan being recorded with the Essex North Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 11021. Reference is made to said plan for a more particular description of said Lot #9.

Said Lot #9 contains 47,779 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan.

Grantor does hereby retain a fee in the streets, ways and all drainage, water and utility easements as shown on said plan. Said Lot is conveyed together with the right to pass, repass and otherwise use the streets and ways as shown on said Plan for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the Town of Andover, together with all others lawfully entitled thereto.

Said lot is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants dated June 30, 1988 and recorded with said Registry at Book 2760, page 268.

Said lot being conveyed subject to and with the benefit of any and all easements, restrictions, conditions and encumbrances of record insofar as the same are still in force and applicable.

This conveyance does not constitute a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Grantor corporation.

Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed from Doherty & Sons, Inc. dated July 1, 1991 and recorded at the Essex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 3278, Page 322.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all outstanding municipal or other public taxes, tax titles, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/100 (\$5,000.00) must be paid by certified, bank, treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser as a deposit. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, or by certified check, bank cashier's check or bank treasurer's check within 30 days thereafter at the Law Offices of Shapiro & Kreisman, Chiswick Park, 490 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 (978) 443-8800. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James G. Cataldo and Nancy K. Smith to Equi-Financial, L.P. dated September 25, 1998 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 5194, Page 307, of which mortgage Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Custodian or Trustee is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 A.M. on March 23, 2001, on the mortgaged premises located 12 Bowdoin Road Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

**TO WIT:**

A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon, situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, and being lot numbered 14, Bowdoin Road as shown on plan of land entitled "Section No. 3, Shawsheen Heights, Andover, Mass. Loretta Cairns, Owner, Ralph H. Brasseur, engineer, dated April, 1957, recorded with North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 3503. Said lot is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

**NORTHERLY** 125 feet by lot numbered 13 as shown on said plan;  
**EASTERLY** 120 feet by lot numbered 9 and part of lot numbered 8 as shown on said plan;  
**SOUTHERLY** 125 feet by lot numbered 15 as shown on said plan; and  
**WESTERLY** 120 feet by Bowdoin Road.

Containing 15,000 sq. ft. according to said plan.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4804, Page 108.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, right of ways covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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**OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SALE.**

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 Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,  
 Susan J. Lynch, Esq.  
 Ablitt, Caruolo & De Pasquale, LLP  
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Dated: February 20, 2001

March 2, 8 & 15, 2001

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STREET LAYOUT  
MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Monday, March 26, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 82, Section 22, for the purpose of considering laying out the following streets: Coderre Way, Noel Road, Steeple Court, Acorn Drive, Basswood Lane, Buttonwood Drive and Hazelwood Circle.

Brian P. Major,  
 Chairman

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 OF SELECTMEN

March 15 & 22, 2001

**COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE  
AND FAMILY COURT  
DEPARTMENT  
ESSEX DIVISION**

Docket No. 99P2949-EP1

**NOTICE**

In the ESTATE OF WALTER R. JOHNSON

To all persons interested in the estate of WALTER R. JOHNSON late of the County of Essex Date of Death, August 26, 1999

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by JOYCE M. JOHNSON of Andover in the County of Essex, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond. ARTHUR F. JOHNSON, other named executor in said will having declined.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON April 2, 2001

**Wills only:** In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date February 28, 2001

Pamela Casey O'Brien  
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Pierre's rigorous training in France combines with his artist's flair and love for his profession to create an approach to hair design that is prized by his clients. When working with his customers to find the most becoming style, he takes into account their age, shape of their face, the season, their mood.

He says that people are never the same from visit to visit, and this provides him with inspiration to be creative each time.

Pierre loves the challenge of creating a formal hairstyle that is perfect for his client. When styling hair for a wedding party he works with the bride and her attendants at the same time, coordinating his designs with the gowns. He is meticulous in his work, explaining that even small defects show right away on photos and videos. He also does many formal updos for proms. Pierre says there are numerous styles that work for teens and give them the individuality they want without looking fake.

Pierre is a master at highlighting. He mixes the colors with the eye of an artist to insure the tones are balanced with the client's own hair color. He explains that each hair color has its own special highlights. For instance, he adds red highlights to dark hair.

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## WARRANT

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESSEX, SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Andover

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the designated polling. All eight precincts: Precinct One, Precinct Two, Precinct Three, Precinct Four, Precinct Five, Precinct Six, Precinct Seven and Precinct Eight are to vote at the Field House, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, in said Andover, on

TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2001

at seven o'clock A.M. to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator for one year, two Selectmen for three years, two School Committee members for three years and one Andover Housing Authority member for five years.

All of the above candidates are to be voted on one ballot. The polls will open from seven o'clock A.M. to eight o'clock P.M.

After the final action on the preceding Article One, the said meeting shall stand adjourned by virtue of Chapter 39, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to Monday, April 23, 2001, at seven o'clock P.M. in the Field House, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, in said Andover, then and there to begin acting upon articles that follow in this warrant

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect all other officers not required by law to be elected by ballot.

On request of the Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 3.** To establish the salaries of the elected officers for the ensuing year.

On request of the Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002 or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from amounts previously appropriated at the April 24, 2000 Annual Town Meeting as authorized by MGL Chapter 44, Section 33B or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager as recommended by the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement appropriations voted at the April 24, 2000 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager as recommended by the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 7.** To see what amount the Town will vote to permit the Assessors to use in free cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2002 tax rate and to effect appropriations voted at the 2001 Annual Town Meeting.

On request of the Town Manager as recommended by the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 8.** To see what disposition shall be made of unexpended appropriations and free cash in the treasury.

On request of the Town Manager as recommended by the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Andover Zoning Bylaw, Article VIII, by making the following changes:

**ITEM 1. DELETE THE ANDOVER ZONING BY-LAW IN ITS ENTIRETY, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW:**

SECTION	SUBJECT
Section I.	Purpose
Section II.	Definitions
Section III.	Establishment of Districts
Section IV.	Use Regulations Table of Use Regulations
Section V.	Dimensional Requirements Table of Dimensional Requirements
Section VI.	Other Requirements, including parking; signs; landscaping, buffering, lighting; cluster development; earth movement;  Office Park District; Agriculture and livestock; Industrial D; Flood Hazard District; Accessory Scientific Uses; Design Advisory Group; General Business District Design Guidance; Towers; Wireless Communications; Multiple Dwellings; Watershed Protection Overlay District; Site Plan Review; Mixed Use District; Child Care Facility; unregistered vehicle or vehicle not in condition for travel; Adult Uses; Elderly Housing; Alternative modes of travel

Section VII.

Section VIII.

**ITEM 2. ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTIONS IN THE RE-CODIFIED ANDOVER ZONING BY-LAW, AS FOLLOWS:**

## SECTION

## SECTION 1.0.

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- 1.3.
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## SECTION 2.0.

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## SECTION 3.0.

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## SECTION 4.0.

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## SECTION 6.0.

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## SECTION 10.0.

## APPENDIX A

Minimum Parking Space and Aisle Dimensions for Parking Areas

Nonconformance

Administration and procedure

Administration and procedure

## SUBJECT

## PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

Purpose  
Authority  
Scope  
Applicability  
Amendments  
Severability

## DISTRICTS

Establishment  
Overlay Districts  
Zoning Map  
Rules for Interpretation of Zoning District  
Boundaries

## USE REGULATIONS

General  
Accessory Uses  
Nonconforming Uses and Structures

## DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

General  
Accessory Buildings and Structures

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

Off-Street Parking and Loading  
Signs  
Landscaping, Buffering and Lighting

## SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Wireless Communication Facilities or  
Other Similar Communications Use  
Amateur Radio Facilities  
Earth Movement  
Wind Energy Towers  
Adult Uses  
Child Care Facility  
Unregistered Vehicles  
Alternative Modes of Transportation  
Agriculture and Livestock

## SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL REGULATIONS

Cluster Development  
Planned Development  
Attached Cluster  
Elderly Housing  
Conversion to Multifamily Use  
Multiple Dwellings

## SPECIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Watershed Protection Overlay District  
Flood Hazard Overlay District  
Reserved  
Mixed Use District  
Industrial D District

## ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES

Enforcement  
Board of Appeals  
Planning Board  
Special Permits  
Site Plan Review  
Design Review  
Repetitive Petitions

## DEFINITIONS

TABLE 1	Table of Use Regulations
TABLE 2	Table of Dimensional Requirements
TABLE 3	Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements
TABLE 4	Parking Dimensions

On request of the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 for the purpose of constructing recreational fields at the so-called Essex Sand and Gravel Pit off Abbot Street and bordered by Woburn Street and Andover Street including any related development of land and other costs incidental and related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectman to acquire any necessary easements by gift, purchase or eminent domain and that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with



the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(25) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Plant and Facilities Director

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the Town property off Abbot Street and bordered by Woburn Street and Andover Street as shown on Assessors Map 117, Lots 15 and 22 and formerly known as the Essex Sand and Gravel Pit, to the Conservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for such Special Legislation that may be required to effect this change or take any other action related thereto.

On request of Thomas O. Jones and others

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,600,000 for the purpose of acquiring the Reichhold property totaling 46.6 acres, for open space, active and passive recreation, municipal storage and/or any other purpose for which the Town is authorized to acquire land or interests in land located at 77 Lowell Junction Road, including building(s) thereon, as follows:

Assessors Map #	Parcel	Acres +/-
159	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8	32.6
182	6, 7	14.0

and to authorize the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town and/or the Conservation Commission to acquire said land and buildings thereon by gift, purchase or eminent domain and that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause (3) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote the following consent articles or take any other action related thereto:

A. Grant Program Authorization

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and enter into contracts from time to time for the expenditure of any funds allotted to Andover by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the U. S. Government under any State or Federal grant program or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

B. Road Contracts

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department Commissioners or the County Commissioners or the Federal Government for the construction and maintenance of public highways in the Town of Andover for the ensuing year or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

C. Town Report

To act upon the report of the Town officers or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

D. Property Tax Exemptions

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 to allow an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2002 for those persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5 or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Assessors

E. Contracts in Excess of Three Years

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12(b), to authorize the Town Manager or the Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years, including any renewal, extension or option, provided in each instance the longer term is determined to be in the best interest of the Town by a vote of the Board of Selectmen or the School Committee, as appropriate, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

F. Accepting Easements

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to accept grants of easements for water, drainage, sewer and utility purposes on terms and conditions the Board and the Committee deem in the best interests of the Town or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

G. Granting Easements

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to grant easements for water, drainage, sewer and utility purposes on terms and conditions the Board and the Committee deem in the best interests of the Town or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

H. Rescinding of Bond Authorizations

To see if the Town will vote to rescind unissued bond authorizations from prior Town Meetings or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to acquire any necessary easements by gift, by purchase or by right of eminent domain for Chapter 90 Highway Construction or any other federal or state aid program for road or sidewalk improvements or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in prior fiscal years or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Accountant

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation a sum not to exceed \$25,000 for the purpose of continuing to provide for an elderly and disabled transportation subsidy program or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Council on Aging

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and/or taxation the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing holiday lights in the downtown area including, but not limited to, Elm Green, Andover Town House, Memorial Hall Library, Town Offices and the trees lining Main Street from Elm Square to Olde Andover Village.

On request of the Home of America Committee and others

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 or take any other action related thereto:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Use of Fund	Revenue Source	FY-2002 Limit
A. Community Development & Planning Department	Division Heads	Advertising legal hearing notice expenses for permit applications	Applicant Fees	\$25,000
B. Title V - Health Division	Public Health Director	Inspections and testing associated with Title V septic system regulations	Title V upgrade permit fee	\$20,000
C. Health Clinic	Public Health Director	Clinic supplies and other expenses	Clinic participant fees	\$5,000
D. Division of Community Services	Community Services Director	Trips, ticket sales and special programs and activities	Participant fees	\$200,000
E. Division of Youth Services	Youth Services Director	All programs and activities expenses, part-time help	Participant fees	\$150,000
F. Field Maintenance	Plant and Facilities Director	Field maintenance, upgrade and related expenses	Field rental fees	\$30,000
G. Division of Elder Services	Elder Services Director	Senior programs, classes and activities	Participant fees	\$100,000
H. Public Safety	Chief of Police	Maintenance and purchase of public safety radio and antennae equipment	Lease agreements for antenna users	\$50,000

On request of the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation or by transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$400,000 to the Accumulated Employee Benefit Account for funding accrued employee vacation and sick leave liabilities payable upon retirement or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer custody and control to the Board of Selectmen to abandon, and to authorize said abandonment of, all of the Town's right, title and interest in and to two sections of a sewer easement, said existing sewer easement is shown on Plan 7284 recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds.

The two sections of said existing sewer easement to be abandoned by The Inhabitants of the Town of Andover are shown on a plan entitled "PLAN SHOWING ACQUISITION FOR UTILITY EASEMENTS AND ABANDONMENT OF EXISTING SEWER EASEMENTS in ANDOVER, MASS." by Andover Consultants, Inc. dated December 14, 2000, consisting of three sheets, and on file with the Andover Department of Public Works. Said two sections of the existing 30-foot wide sewer easement to be abandoned are on land of Agilent Technology, Inc. and are more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Section A

EASTERLY by the existing 30-foot wide sewer easement, 30.0 feet;  
SOUTHERLY by other land of Agilent Technology, Inc., 259.4 feet;  
WESTERLY by the existing 30-foot wide sewer easement, 32.4 feet; and  
NORTHERLY by other land of Agilent Technology, Inc., 216.3 feet.

Section B

SOUTHERLY by the existing 30-foot wide sewer easement, 45.6 feet;  
SOUTHWESTERLY by other land of Agilent Technology, Inc., 435.3 feet;  
SOUTHEASTERLY by other land of Agilent Technology, Inc., 432.7 feet;  
SOUTHERLY by the existing 30-foot wide sewer easement, 39.6 feet;  
NORTHWESTERLY by other land of Agilent Technology, Inc., 467.3 feet; and  
NORTHEASTERLY by other land of Agilent Technology, Inc., 486.9 feet.

or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Department of Public Works Director

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to re-zone property located between 25 River Road and 35 River Road from Single Residence C to Industrial A. More specifically, the area to be re-zoned is described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the centerline of River Road, said point located approximately 1080' west of the Town line between Andover and Lawrence, then proceeding in a northerly direction 200' along the



property line between lot 8 and 9 as shown on Town of Andover Assessors Map 126, thence running westerly 660± across lot 8, a private way, lot 7 and lot 6 shown on Town of Andover Assessors Map 126, to a point on the property line between lot 6 and 4B as shown on Town of Andover Assessors Map 126, thence running southerly 200' along the property line between lot 6 and 4B shown on Town of Andover Assessors Map 126 to a point in the centerline of River Road, then along the centerline of River Road in an easterly direction 735± to the point of beginning.

On request of Robert Parker, Leo Bibeau and others

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$540,000 for the purpose of constructing sidewalks on portions of Cross Street, High Plain Road and Forest Hill Drive and any other costs incidental and related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any necessary easements by gift, purchase or eminent domain and that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause (6) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to accept and name as a public way any or all of the following streets: Coderre Way, Noel Road, Steeple Court, Acorn Drive, Basswood Lane, Buttonwood Drive and Hazelwood Circle as further described below:

Coderre Way, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board, entitled "Definitive Plan of Land Southwick Estates in Andover, Massachusetts", dated November 24, 1998 (revised) and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 13425;

Noel Road, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board, entitled "Hyatt Crossing", dated April 20, 1993 (revised) and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 12272;

Steeple Court, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board, entitled "Definitive Plan of Steeple Court", dated December 30, 1996 and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 13323;

Acorn Drive, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board, entitled "Fieldstone Meadows", dated January 15, 1991 and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 12000;

Basswood Lane, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board, entitled "Fieldstone Meadows", dated January 15, 1991 and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 12000;

Buttonwood Drive, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board, entitled "Fieldstone Meadows", dated January 15, 1991 and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 12000; and

Hazelwood Circle, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board, entitled "Fieldstone Meadows", dated January 15, 1991 and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 12000;

or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,000,000 towards the construction of the so-called Will Hall Senior Center Project and any and all costs incidental or related thereto and that to raise this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 79 (1) of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, funds to be available and expended when matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by funds raised by the Friends of the Senior Center or others or take any other action related thereto.

On request of Richard J. Bowen and others

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes to amend the Town of Andover General Bylaw Article XII, Section 35; Smoking; sale and distribution of tobacco as follows:

#### Section 4. Retail Sale of Tobacco Products.

Paragraph (4) add the following sentence: The following sign, provided by the Andover Board of Health, shall be posted at each register "It is against State and local law to sell tobacco to minors. Report violations to the Board of Health at 623-8295."

Add new paragraph (8) as follows: A license from the Andover Board of Health shall be required to sell at retail all tobacco products within the Town of Andover. Agents for the Andover Board of Health shall have the authority to enforce any licensing requirements in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D, The Administrative Penalties Act. The fee for such license shall not exceed \$100 per calendar year.

#### Section 5. Tobacco vending machines.

Strike existing section and replace as follows:

5. Tobacco vending machines.

No person, firm, corporation, establishment or agency shall install or maintain a vending machine to distribute or sell tobacco products within the Town of Andover.

#### Section 6. Variance.

Delete

#### Section 7. Penalties/enforcement.

Paragraph (1) a through d strike and replace as follows:

(1) Any person who violates any section of this bylaw may be subject to the following fines and penalties:

a. One hundred dollar fine for first offense.

- b. Two hundred dollar fine and suspension of retail tobacco product license for seven (7) consecutive days for second offense within one year of first offense.
- c. Three hundred dollar fine and suspension of retail tobacco product license for thirty (30) consecutive days for third offense within one year of first offense.

On request of the Board of Health

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate \$600,000 for the purpose of reconstructing sidewalks, including installing granite curbs, planting trees and any other costs incidental and related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any necessary easements by gift, purchase or eminent domain or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Department of Public Works Director

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town of Andover will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. G.L., Chapter 59, Section 59A, and to adopt a General Bylaw as follows:

#### MASSACHUSETTS BROWNFIELDS ACT - TAX AGREEMENTS

The Town of Andover is authorized, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 59A, as amended, to enter into agreements regarding payment or abatements of real estate taxes, and/or interest, and/or penalties relative to sites or portions of sites within the Town of Andover, from or at which there has been a release of oil or hazardous materials. The following are necessary conditions and components of any such agreement:

- (a) the site or a portion thereof must be one from, or at which, there has been a contaminated release of oil or hazardous material;
- (b) the site or a portion thereof is zoned for commercial or industrial uses;
- (c) the agreement must be for the purpose of environmental cleanup and redevelopment of such site, and shall require submission of any plans to address such;
- (d) the agreement must provide:
  - (i) the principal amount due of outstanding taxes, interest and penalties, before abatement of any amount thereof;
  - (ii) the amount of taxes, interest and penalties to be abated, if any;
  - (iii) the net amount of taxes, interest and penalties due after abatement;
  - (iv) the percent of interest to accrue, if determined applicable;
  - (v) the inception date of payment;
  - (vi) the date of final payment; and
  - (vii) late penalties and other terms of repayment.
- (e) agreements can only be made with an eligible owner as defined under M.G.L. Chapter 21E, Section 2. Eligible owners are new, "innocent" purchasers who did not own the site at the time the oil or hazardous material was released and did not cause or contribute to its release;
- (f) such agreements shall be negotiated by the Town Manager (with the assistance of the Manager's various departmental staff members), the Town Treasurer and the Board of Assessors;
- (g) such agreements shall be subject to the approval vote of the Board of Selectmen;
- (h) such agreements, as required by said M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 59A, shall be signed by the eligible property owner and the Chair of the Board of Selectmen;
- (i) such agreements shall be notarized and attested to by the Town Clerk;
- (j) such agreements shall contain any other provisions as may be required by law, ordinance or regulation of the Department of Revenue;
- (k) in the event any such agreement reduces the tax to be paid, abatements must be processed and charged to the overlays for the fiscal years of the taxes abated;
- (l) copies of the executive agreement shall be provided to the eligible property owner, the Board of Selectmen, and the following state and federal agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue (Property Tax Bureau), Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and United States Environmental Protection Agency.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Smithshire Estates Extension as a public way and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, gift, purchase or otherwise any fee, easement or other interest in land known as Smithshire Estates Extension, owned by Winchester "SUBDIVISION PLAN, Andover, Massachusetts, Smithshire Estates Extension," owned by Winchester Development Corporation, dated May 21, 1962, as prepared by Andover Engineers, Inc., and recorded in the North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan #5852 and on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and as constructed, and to award no damages for said taking or payment for said acquisition, and to appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from available funds or borrowing or any combination thereof a sum of \$152,000 for required engineering services, legal services, repairs and improvements to Smithshire Estates and expenses incidental thereto, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of John R. Webb and others

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to deny the First Amendment rights of Andover citizens to petition, by refusing to accept or insert private articles before they sign the Warrant.

On request of Dennis A. Teves and others

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, by transfer of available funds or by any combination of the foregoing, and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to represent the interests of the



residents of the Town of Andover before all state and federal permitting agencies and, if necessary, before any court on appeal, of any decisions made by such agencies and courts regarding the Nickel Hill Energy power plant proposal in Dracut if the Selectmen determine that the health, safety and other concerns of the Andover community are not adequately protected and/or if the factors involved in siting such a facility are not fairly and adequately considered in the decision-making process or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement for maintenance on land designated as "Demers Way" as shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in Andover, Mass. Entitled Demers Way dated June 20, 2000 by Cuoco & Cormier Engineering Associates, Inc." on file at the Clerk's office or take any other action related thereto.

On request of Michael L. Demers and others

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,157,000 for the reconstruction of bridges and for the purpose of remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to public buildings, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause (4) and Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 3(A) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for the following purposes: Geographic Information System, Public Safety Computer Network, Fire Emergency Communication Wiring, Firefighter Turnout Gear, West Fire Station Improvements and Study, Olde Andover Village Parking, Modular Classrooms or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to add the following General Bylaw:

Any Special or Annual Town Meeting may be held in a municipality bordering Andover upon a vote of the Board of Selectmen; provided however, that any meeting for the election by ballot of Federal, State or other officers or the determination of other matters that are to be determined by ballot at an election shall be held within the geographic limits of the Town or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by bonding, or by any combination of the foregoing and appropriate the sum of \$265,000 for the purpose of constructing a new bituminous concrete sidewalk with granite curb by extending the existing sidewalk on the west side of River Street from number 55 to Lowell Junction Road.

On request of Arthur Barber and others

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Andover Zoning Bylaw in Section III, District Boundaries (and make the appropriate changes to the Zoning Map of Andover, Mass.) to re-zone to Industrial D District (ID) from Single Family Residence C (SRC) those parcels of land situated on the westerly side of Haggett's Pond Road being more particularly shown as Lot A-1 and Lot B-1, and Road A on a Plan of Land entitled "Site Plan of Land Lot 'A-1/B-1' Haggett's Pond Road, Andover, Massachusetts, dated January 12, 2000 prepared by Dana F. Perkins, Inc. (a copy of which is on file with the office of the Town Clerk). Said parcel of land being a portion of Lot 6 on Town of Andover's Assessor's Map 219; Lot 2A, Assessor's Map 221; Lot 2 on Assessor's Map 227.

On request of Yvon Cormier Construction Corp. and others

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of the foregoing and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the purpose of constructing a new bituminous concrete sidewalk with granite curb on the west side of Woburn Street between Charlotte Drive and Enfield Street.

On request of Cindy Cromer and others

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the approximately 25.8 acres of land on Greenwood Road, as shown on a plan titled "Survey of Land in Andover, Mass. (West Parish), Made for Town of Andover, Mass. Scale 1" = 100', April 1941" Morse, Dickinson & Goodwin, Engineers and described as the FIRST TRACT in an order of taking dated August 25, 1941 recorded at the Essex County North Registry of Deeds at Book 644 Page 372, to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the DPW and Plant and Facilities Buildings at the Town Yard off Lewis Street and any other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 3(A) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Plant and Facilities Director

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$235,000 for the purpose of constructing a Public Safety Center on the existing site at 32 North Main Street and adjacent Town-owned parcels including demolition, site development, parking, original equipment and furnishings and other costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum in addition to all sums previously appropriated for the same purpose, under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause (3) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Plant and Facilities Director

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to accept an amendment to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 31 by inserting, after section 58, Section 58A, which adopts the provisions of Chapter 242 of the Acts of 2000 relative to age restrictions on eligibility requirements for applicants for the position of firefighter or police officer or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Andover Contributory Retirement Board

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 41 of the 1999 Town Meeting to remove 183, 187 and 191 Woburn Street from the list of addresses to be serviced by the proposed sewer system.

On request of Marianne P. Knowles and others

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to undertake design and engineering services for the Ballardvale Community Master Plan - Phase I Improvements - including but not limited to vehicular and pedestrian safety and traffic calming and streetscape improvements. The scope of the design and engineering services will include civil engineering, traffic engineering, topographical/boundary survey, landscape architectural services, and any other technical assistance as may be needed, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Ballardvale/Lowell Junction Area Traffic Task Force

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$9,000 for the 2001 Independence Day fireworks celebration or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Selectmen

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies and publication thereof, fourteen days, at least, before the time and place of said meeting as directed by the Bylaws of the Town.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given our hands this seventh day of March, 2001.

Brian P. Major  
Lori A. Becker  
Mary N. French  
John P. Hess  
Ted E. Teichert

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ANDOVER

A true copy  
ATTEST

Ronald Bertheim, Constable

Andover, Massachusetts, March 13, 2001

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I, the subscriber, one of the Constables of the Town of Andover, have notified the inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes stated in said Warrant, by posting a true and attested copy of the same on the Town Hall, on each school house, and in no less than five other public places where bills and notices are usually posted and by publication in the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN. Said warrants have been posted and published fourteen days.

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## TOWN OF ANDOVER



## PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given under the Town of Andover Rules and Regulations For Public Vehicle For Hire and Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Selectmen on Monday, March 19, 2001 at the Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Third Floor Conference Room, Andover, Massachusetts at 7:30 P.M. concerning changes in the Town's Public Vehicle For Hire Rules and Regulations; specifically, Section 1, Paragraphs N, P, Q, T, W, and Section II, Paragraph F and the addition of O. Copies of suggested policy changes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office. This hearing was originally scheduled for March 5, 2001 and is being rescheduled due to the cancellation of the meeting because of inclement weather.

By Order of the Board of Selectmen  
Randall L. Hanson  
Town Clerk

March 15, 2001

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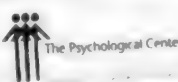
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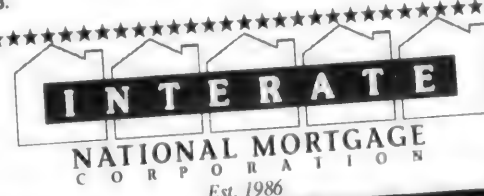
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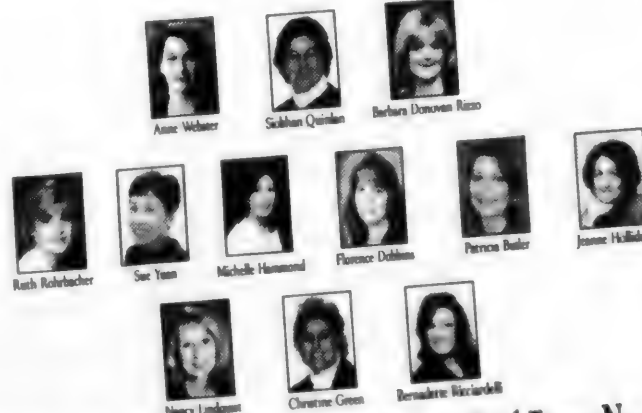
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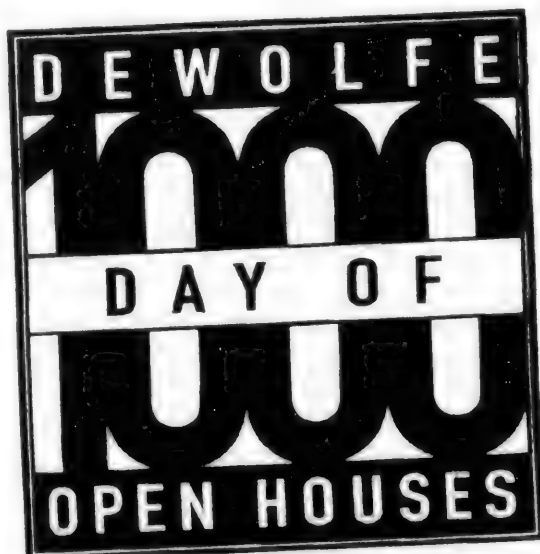
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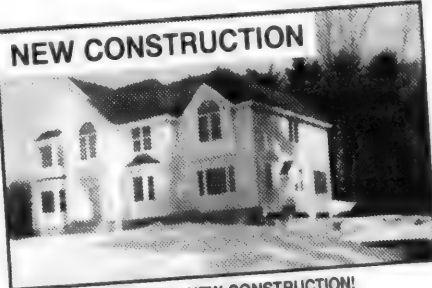
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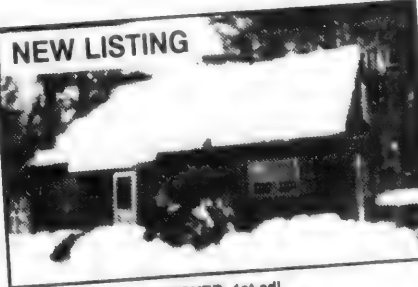
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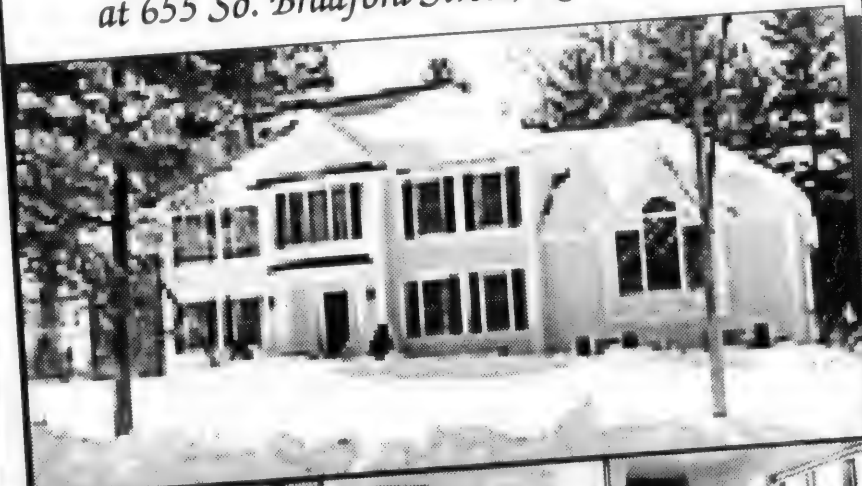
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Another listing by The Moody Team x251  
VRM 34 range \$279,900 - \$318,876



### VIRTUAL TOUR #029

**ANDOVER!**  
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charming kitchen w/breakfast nook  
8 rooms - 4 bedrooms - security system  
new roof and replacement windows  
A listing by Janice Furey x246 \$318,000  
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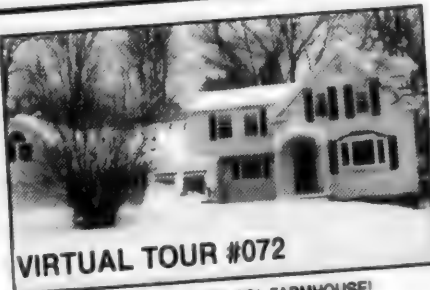
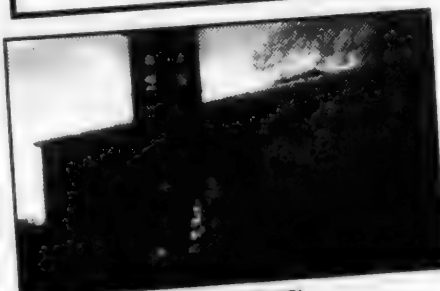
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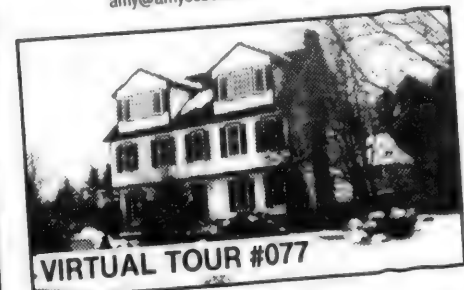
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**NORTH ANDOVER, COL FARMHOUSE!**  
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fully applanced kit w/break bar  
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A listing by Vanessa Nysten x245  
vnysten@andoverliving.com \$145,900

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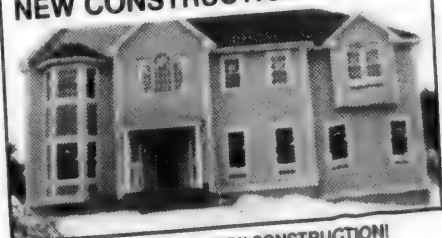
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# Meals together help strengthen families

(NUE) – Once upon a time, the “all-American family” boasted two children—one boy, one girl – a mom who worked inside the home and a dad who brought home the bacon. The salad course was on the table at 5:30 p.m. and everyone was there – no matter what.

That was then. Today, families can be defined as single-parent homes, friends raising children under the same roof, parents with alternative lifestyles, grandparents raising grandchildren and more.

Just like the face of the modern family, family mealtime has changed as well. Unfortunately, this comforting ritual has become a casualty of soccer practice, gymnastics, dance class, band practice, computer camp or football

practice. It's not unusual for days to go by without the entire family sitting down at the same table.

Observing this changing dynamic taking hold in society, family-friendly Dole Fresh Vegetables made a decision to do something about it. That “something” was creating the Dole Healthy Family Advisory Board. This panel of professionals from the child-care, education, social-services and publishing industries came together in early 2000 to discuss the state of the American family today.

Their work together offers families and parents insights and tips on the importance of mealtime, creating a tighter family unit, being together more often and how to make it all easier and

healthier through food selection.

The Dole Healthy Family Report offers parents and others raising children solid reasons why families should eat together, plus tips that can make this process more successful.

– The goal should be to sit down together, not to focus on whether you can serve a gourmet meal. Eating with children teaches healthy attitudes about food. For example, if you eat fresh vegetables and salads, your children will be more likely to do the same.

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(NAPSA) – Baseball may be America's pastime, but it's the only one of the “big three” professional sports (football and basketball being the other two) that doesn't have cheerleaders – and a number of people think it's about time that pom-poms became standard equipment at the ballpark.

Surprisingly, cheerleading has a history nearly as old as the great game itself. School-age students began cheering at competitive sporting events in Great Britain in 1860. The first cheer club followed at Princeton University five years later, and by 1889, the first “official” cheerleader made his debut at the University of Minnesota.

Educators have found that being a part of a cheerleading squad has a positive effect on a student's self-esteem, participation and academic record. Eighty-three percent of young women (97 percent of all cheerleaders are female) have a B average or better; the same number hold leadership positions in school organizations.

Another surprising fact about cheerleading is that, by the dictionary definition, it qualifies as a sport: “an athletic activity requiring skill or physical prowess and often of a competitive nature.” Not only that, but during a typical three-and-a-half-hour football game, the players get numerous breaks; the cheerleaders go flat out the entire time.

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# Signs of readiness help determine when to potty train

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(NAPS) - New methods are making it easier for parents and their toddlers to get through the sometimes confusing process of potty training.

"We talk to thousands of mothers each year who find toilet training to be a mysterious and sometimes frustrating process," says Kim Underhill, associate marketing director for Pull-Ups® Training Pants and mother of one. "Many moms tell us they're unsure about when to start the process, and they hear conflicting feedback from friends and family."

It's a common myth that children should start toilet training at the age of 18 months, or that there is a specific "window" of time during which a child must start train-

ing. In fact, according to research from The Fundamentals of Toilet Training Study, parents should determine when their child is ready to train by looking for two or more signs of readiness.

Looking for the signs of readiness is the first step of the parent-coached approach, a research-based method that consists of three easy steps: "ready, out and coach."

The signs of readiness include: staying dry for two hours or during a nap, wanting wet or soiled diapers changed, showing interest in the bathroom, having regular and predictable bowel movements, understanding and following simple directions, indicating the need to go to the potty by

words or facial expression and wanting to wear training pants or underwear. If the child does not display two or more signs, he or she is probably not ready to train. Parents should never push the child to potty train; instead, they should check for the signs of readiness again in about a month.

While parents take cues from the child to see if he or she is ready, the decision to take the next step, "out," must be made by the parents. In this step, switching the child out of diapers and into cloth training pants, cloth underwear or disposable training pants helps to send the message to the child that training has begun. Research shows that making the switch out of diapers is one

of the most effective techniques for rapid potty-training progress. Parents should then coach their child to success by supporting progress with praise and rewards.

The study found that while every child is different in his/her training, the typical age children begin potty training is around two years old, with girls beginning potty training earlier than boys (34 months vs. 37.5 months). Research also shows that the average time to complete potty training is eight months.

For a free copy of the "Parents Guide to Toilet Training" booklet, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Parents Guide to Toilet Training, P.O. Box 39105, Chicago, IL 60639.



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# When should your child switch from a pediatrician to a 'regular' doctor?

By Eric M. Danis

Your child is now a writer for "Highlights," the

very same magazine he has always read in the waiting room. He sat in one of those tiny chairs and it broke. The

doctor now has to stand on a stool to look into your child's ear. These are all potential signs that it may be time for your child to switch from a pediatrician to a general care physician.

Some children cling nervously to their pediatricians, not wanting to leave the trusted doctor they have confided in for years, while others begin itching in their early teens to "graduate" to a doctor with an adult practice. What is indisputable is that pediatricians are essential, especially for younger children.

"A pediatrician is trained especially to evaluate any problems

with growth and development and behavioral issues, which a regular doctor does not have time to concentrate on," says Dr. Mirna Aeschlimann of North Reading Pediatrics. "We are like specialists in the care of children. We have connections with all the specialists, but we have the knowledge to do a lot of things before (patients) have to go to a 'super-specialist.'"

Dr. Norman Tanguay, a pediatrician with Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center in Wilmington, also says that pediatricians are valuable because they concentrate solely on younger children.

"Young children are quite different from the adults ... You need someone who

spends a lot of time dealing with a certain age group and is comfortable with that," Dr. Tanguay says. "The needs of adolescents are quite different from those of adults, even though physically they can be quite similar."

Dr. Lillian Moy-Yee, a primary care physician with an adult practice at the Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, says that certain issues are best handled by pediatricians; she points to bed-wetting as one such issue.

The doctors agree that the exact time when a child should switch from a pediatrician to a general practitioner is dependent upon several factors. The ideal age to make the switch is

"A lot of (new patients) are nervous and are often accompanied by parents. On that first visit, everything has to be explained fully," says

Dr. Lillian Moy-Yee.



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"somewhere between 16, 17 and 18," says Dr. Moy-Yee.

"We'll see a very mature 15-year-old who knows her medical past and is sexually active. She'll require a Pap smear. She is more of an adult at that point," Dr. Moy-Yee says.

Dr. Moy-Yee also notes that general physicians will not agree to see patients unless they are confident in their ability to do so proficiently. "It's really dependent on the comfort level of the physician," she says.

Dr. Tanguay says he thinks patients can make the switch from pediatricians to general practitioners in the "early college" stage, usually between ages 18 and 20. "At this point, they are fully grown. As they get into their 20s, some of the medical problems and the emotional and physical needs are things adult doctors are more familiar with," he says.

Dr. Aeschlimann recommends that her patients stay with her until they reach the age of 21. She says that the majority of her patients do not want to leave until they are that age.

"I have kids giving me hugs and saying, 'I just don't want to go anywhere else. Why can't you continue taking care of me?'" I hear that all the time," says Dr. Aeschlimann. "We find that most of the kids that go to college stay with us for two or three years."

Dr. Tanguay is also experienced in children not wanting to leave him to go to an adult practitioner.

"For most people, coming to the doctor, especially for a teen-ager, can be a threatening experience," Dr. Tanguay says. "You establish a comfort level, and to have to start all over again can be uncomfortable."

For various reasons, a patient may feel ready to leave his or her pediatrician.

"Sometimes, they feel they've outgrown the office. Some offices

are not very friendly to young adults," says Dr. Aeschlimann.

Another reason to see an adult practitioner is the sexual activity level of the patient. Dr. Moy-Yee says that parents sometimes switch their children from pediatricians to adult doctors when they find that their children are becoming active and may need more advanced testing.

Selecting a different doctor after years of pediatric visits can often be difficult. Dr. Tanguay advises his patients to ask adult friends for advice.

"I tell them that a good thing to do is ask friends and family members, find out if they have a doctor that they like," says Dr. Tanguay.

Dr. Aeschlimann recommends that her patients, after deciding to switch doctors, go to a prospective doctor to examine the office, waiting room and atmosphere, among other things.

Dr. Moy-Yee, who sees patients after they've made the transition from a pediatrician, says that she is careful to explain matters carefully to her new patients and to reassure them.

"A lot of (new patients) are nervous and are often accompanied by parents. On that first visit, everything has to be explained fully," Dr. Moy-Yee says.

After a thorough explanation about her office and health-related issues, such as diet, exercise, sexual diseases and drugs and



Kyle Couillard of Andover, left, has a visit with Dr. Joe Desiato of Andover Pediatrics.

alcohol, Dr. Moy-Yee says that almost all patients relax.

"They may not open up as easily, but it is through time that the doctor/patient relationship develops," says Dr. Moy-Yee.

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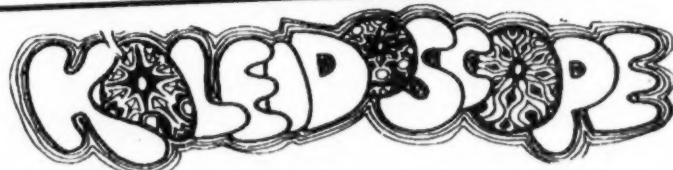
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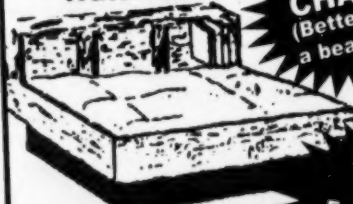
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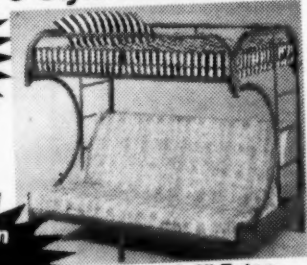
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# Common childhood infection nothing to sneeze at for preemies

(Newstream) - Each year, pediatricians and hospital pediatric units brace themselves for Respiratory Syncytial Virus season, when many babies contract RSV and may become seriously ill from this common respiratory infection.

Parents of at-risk newborns need to be aware that protection from this potentially harmful virus is available, and they should call their doctor for more information.

RSV is a common cause of lower respiratory infections

in premature infants. Half of all children develop an RSV infection by the age of 1; by age 2, virtually all children have had RSV. For most otherwise healthy children, RSV usually amounts to little more than a cold. However, for at-risk infants, such as infants born prematurely and children under the age of 2 suffering from chronic lung conditions, the health consequences can be much more serious.

A little-known fact is that up to 125,000 children under the age of 1 are hospitalized annually due to RSV-related illnesses and up to 2 percent of these children may die. The cost of treating a child hospitalized for RSV-related illnesses can be more than \$70,000. This is why it is of the utmost importance that parents take steps to protect their premature babies from RSV.

"RSV is a common infection and is a frequent cause of childhood hospitalization and

intensive care unit admissions. In premature babies and infants with lung disease, the virus can produce severe and lasting complications that may place the child's life at risk. Many parents are not aware that their babies are at risk for RSV, so education about this disease is extremely important. Parents should talk with their pediatrician about ways to help prevent and protect their babies from RSV," says Dr. Stephen A. Chartrand, director of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease at the Creighton University School of Medicine.

RSV spreads easily from person to person via sneezing, coughing, or from contact with a person or object that carries the virus. The chance of spreading the virus within a family is very high. Many times school-aged children introduce the virus into the family. Despite strict infection control procedures, hospital nursery units, day-care centers and other similar institutions are also at high risk for RSV outbreaks. The symptoms of RSV may

be like a cold at first and can include fever, runny nose and other cold-like symptoms. An infected baby might get sick very quickly. Symptoms may include: coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing (a whistling sound), rapid breathing and a blue color around the lips. Since RSV complications can strike rapidly, parents of at-risk children need to know to act fast and call their pediatrician or health-care provider immediately if signs of RSV complications appear.

Simple steps parents can take to help reduce their baby's risk of exposure to the RSV virus include:

- Have family members and caregivers wash their hands with warm water and soap before touching the baby;
- Limit the baby's exposure to people with cold symptoms or fevers. Keep the baby away from crowded places;
- Do not smoke around the baby; and
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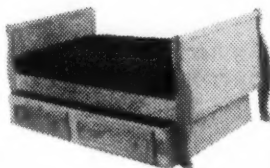
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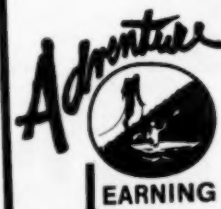
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## Tips for cold-weather hikes with tikes

(NAPSA) – There's nothing quite so rejuvenating as a day spent exploring the late fall or winter woods. The air is crisp and bracing. Summer crowds are gone. And, if snow is blanketing the landscape – it's a winter wonderland.

Of course, before you go, you'll dress yourselves and the little ones in layers that include:

- A wicking synthetic for the base (underwear) layer;
- A wool or synthetic fleece or pile middle (pants and torso) layer; and
- A breathable, wind- and water-repellent outer shell.

Top off each outfit with a warm hat and mittens – not gloves – and warm socks and boots.

Dressing properly is an essential step for a winter hike with your children. But according to Terry Krautwurst, Gorp.com contributing editor, there are some other important things you can do to ensure a safe outing.

### Watch the weather

Before you leave home, check the day's forecast. If rain or wet snow – or even a strong wind – is a possibility, consider calling the trip off. Even the best rain gear won't keep its wearer dry entirely. Wet combined with cold temperatures spells real danger.

### Keep your trips short

In winter, and especially in snow, everything takes longer. A foot of snow can more than double the time and energy it takes to hike a given distance. Add kids and a few of winter's distractions – animal tracks, snowball fights, icicles, etc. – and you may as well double the time again.

### Always bring matches or a lighter

Better yet, put a full-blown commercial survival kit in your pack. But, never leave home without at least a flame source for starting an emergency fire.

### Use extra caution around water

In cold air, a single soaked foot from an accidental plunge can be trouble. Don't assume that ice is thick enough to walk on. Water conducts heat away from the body 25 times faster than air. So, if you can't replace soaked shoes or clothing with dry ones, head for home.

### Food and liquid

Oddly, appetites – even those of a normally ravenous child – diminish in cold temperatures. But you need to keep your family well-fed and hydrated, even though they may not feel particularly hungry or thirsty. A dehydrated person is much more susceptible to hypothermia.

### Watch for frostbite

Fingers, toes, ears and nose – those are the areas most likely to be frostbitten, and children are the ones most likely to fall victim. Genuinely frostbitten tissue appears white, but a child complaining of painful or “tingly” fingers may be in danger. Never rub the areas rigorously. You could damage the tissue irreversibly. Immerse the area in water that just barely feels warm to you – it should not be hot – and call a doctor.

By exercising common sense and caution, you and your family can explore the winter woods without worry. So go ahead, with good preparation – concern for the cold shouldn't keep you from enjoying the outdoors.

## Eye care for the computer generation

(NAPSA) – A number of parents and doctors have opened their eyes to a problem affecting children across the country: Computer Vision Syndrome.

CVS is a condition that can result from excessive exposure to a computer monitor. Symptoms include headaches, blurry vision or continually sore, tired or itchy eyes.

Because children are especially prone to suffer from CVS, the Vision Council of America recommends parents take steps to help prevent the condition.


- Make sure children have yearly eye exams and that the doctor checks for CVS-related problems. If children wear glasses, inquire about eyewear designed specifically

for computer work.


- Advise children to blink frequently to keep their eyes moist and help avert eye strain.
- Have children sit at least a foot and a half away from the computer screen, and adjust the monitor so that it is comfortable for their eyes.
- Make sure children use the computer in a well-lit room.
- Encourage kids to take vision breaks every 15 minutes. Have them focus into the distance or close their eyes every few seconds.
- Consider what children eat. Natural oils found in fish and potassium-rich foods can prevent eyes from becoming irritated.


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# Protecting children from rodent-borne diseases

(NAPSA) - Increasingly, parents are learning to protect their families' safety and health by taking steps to keep their homes free of mice and rats.

Rodents not only threaten the home by damaging property, they also endanger the health of children and can cause deadly diseases. Rodents have been linked to asthma and are the cause of the deadly hantavirus disease.

Yet according to a recent survey commissioned by Orkin Pest Control, only 42 percent of parents indicated "disease" as their greatest fear when seeing a rodent in their home; another 22 percent cited "cleanliness."

Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome is transmitted only by rodents and has no known cure. In 2000, there were at least 23 confirmed cases of HPS in the United States, seven of which were fatal.

The most common way of contracting the virus is by breathing air contaminated with airborne particles from

a contaminated rodent. Parents should be aware when sweeping or cleaning dry, dusty attics where rodents may live and breed. The common house mouse does not carry HPS, but "carrier rodents" such as deer mice, cotton rats and rice rats can find their way into the home.

Parents can discourage rodent activity in the home by

following these simple tips:

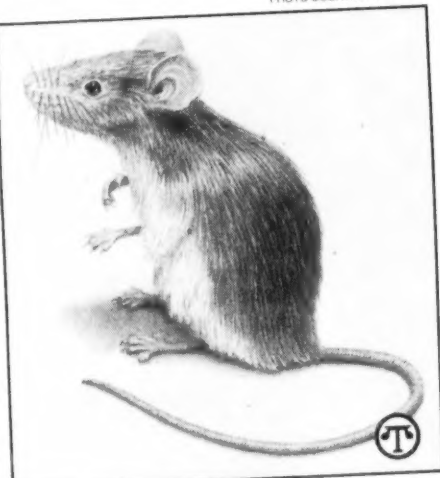
- Trim and prune trees, shrubs or other plants around the home;
- Remove any rubbish or debris from around the outside perimeter of the home;
- Seal cracks and holes with steel wool, sheet metal, foam sealants, hardware cloth

and/or mortar;

- Seal all doors to the outside and reduce the opening beneath them with kick plates or sheet metal;
- Work with family members to help keep excess or standing water to a minimum;
- Ensure that drainage

ditches flow freely and completely drain water away from the home;

- Take out trash frequently;
- Use liners in garbage cans and keep them covered;
- Keep storage areas dry and organized; and
- Regularly sweep and vacuum floors.



A professional pest control operator can help protect a family's health by getting rid of rodents, a common cause of disease.

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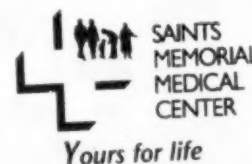
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